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Atong Ang denied bail

By Norman Bordadora

FORMER Estrada gambling adviser Charlie "Atong" Ang lost his chance at temporary freedom yesterday (Thursday, US time), after a US judge denied his motion for bail. US District Magistrate Lawrence R. Leavitt ruled that bail can be granted in an extradition case only in extraordinary circumstances, court officials said.

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'Dante Ang meddling'

By D. Pazzibugan

OUTGOING Press Secretary Noel Cabrera yesterday admitted that Dante Ang, the President's personal publicist, sometimes interfered in his work but denied speculations that he was resigning because of Ang's meddling.

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'Estrada forces mobilizing'

Nat'l security implications of Erap's dismissal of lawyers discussed

By Carlito Pablo, Rocky Nazareno and Juliet L. Javellana

A CABINET committee on security convened yesterday amid reports that supporters of ousted President Joseph Estrada had resumed agitation in urban poor communities for an uprising similar to the assault on Malacañang on May 1 last year.

The oversight committee on internal security discussed the "national security implications" of Estrada's termination of his lawyers' services on the grounds that he could not get justice from the courts.

A congressman said sending Estrada into exile should be considered by the government to avert an Edsa IV.

"If it's the recommendation of the National Security Council, an exile is in order because this is no longer a judicial but a political problem," said Eastern Samar Rep. Marcelino Libanan of the Nationalist People's Coalition.

Libanan said the NSC should take up this matter to avoid political instability.

Opposition Sen. Panfilo Lacson said the "special court created by the Sandiganbayan to hear Estrada's cases was railroading his conviction just before the 2004 elections."

"(Because of this) there are some forces nationwide insidiously moving to seize power," said Lacson, former head of the Philippine National Police.

"We know they're trying their best to mobilize forces," National Security Adviser Roilo Golez said in a television interview, apparently referring to the People's Movement Against Poverty (PMAP).

Golez disclosed that security agencies were monitoring pro-Estrada

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JOAN BONDOC

"OUR whole family is targeted for persecution," laments Sen. Loi Ejercito at the Sandiganbayan and her children Jackie Lopez (right) and Jude Estrada agree. San Juan Mayor JV Ejercito is at far left.

'Poor' lawyers say Estrada too rich

By Volt Contreras

BUT FIRST, a formality.

A motion claiming that deposed President Joseph Estrada is too wealthy to be a client of the Public Attorneys Office (PAO) will be filed "in due time," one of the four PAO lawyers designated Estrada's new counsel said yesterday.

Speaking for the group, Joefferson Toribio said they would do their best to handle Estrada's cases "in conformity with his stature." Toribio said the four of them—lead counsel Arturo Temanil, Melita Lauron, Silvestre Mosing and himself—intend to tell the court through a formal manifestation that Estrada does not meet PAO's "indigence test."

The office's mandate is to serve as counsel for people who cannot afford lawyers in the first place. On the average, a PAO lawyer handles 90 to 100 cases at any one time, Toribio said.

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PCGG told: Return Olot property to Imelda

By Donna S. Cueto

THE SANDIGANBAYAN yesterday junked the government's sequestration order on the Romualdez rest house in Olot, Tolosa, Leyte, and ordered the Presidential Commission on Good Government to restore to former first lady Imelda Marcos full possession of the property in 30 days.

The Sandiganbayan's Fourth Division ruled that the sequestration order dated March 18, 1986 on the Olot mansion was "invalid" since it was not issued by any PCGG commissioner, but only by two PCGG lawyers based in Leyte.

The resolution, penned by the division chair, Associate Justice Narciso Nario, said PCGG lawyers Jose T. Ramirez and Ben Abella had no authority to issue the sequestration order because the PCGG rules provided that this could only be issued by "at least two (PCGG) commissioners."

"As pointed out earlier, the sequestration order is invalid or void. Since it was a void order, it never created any right in favor of the government," the decision said.

"The government never acquired any right whatsoever over the Olot property," it said.

The ruling was signed by the two other members of the division, Associ-

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Sandigan orders Erap to attend all plunder hearings

By Volt Contreras and Michael Lim Ubac

JOSEPH Estrada is required to attend, along with his co-accused, each of his hearings at the Sandiganbayan so he can "disabuse his mind" and "see for himself" how fair the court has been in handling his cases.

At the Sandiganbayan hearing of the Estrada case masked with surprises, Associate Justice Minita Nazario, chair of the Special Division of the anti-graft court, issued the order as it also approved at 10:45 a.m. yesterday the withdrawal of appearance of Estrada's lawyers, which explicitly stated the consent of their VIP client.

The court designated four lawyers from the Public Attorneys Office (PAO) along with two members of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines to serve as the deposed President's *de officio* counsel. ***(See story above.)***

One of the two appointed IBP lawyers is a surprise: Sigfrid Fortun, elder brother of Raymond Fortun, who is a member of Estrada's outgoing defense team.

The IBP has five days from receipt of the order to name Sigfrid

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NATURE'S BEST
This isn't exactly Main Street, USA, but life is as usual as brushing one's teeth for this US Special Forces hunk at the Scout Rangers camp in Cabunbata, Isabela, Basilan.

Resolution on Erap to be put on hold

By Juliet L. Javellana

SIGNATORIES to the House resolution asking that Joseph Estrada be allowed to leave for knee surgery abroad are having a change of heart in light of his professed loss of faith in the country's judicial system.

Deputy Speaker Raul Gonzalez, one of the early signatories, said the House should shelve the resolution because Estrada's recent moves had "lessened" the chances of his keeping his promise that he would return.

"Let it sleep the sleep of the just," Gonzalez said, adding that the House's approval of the resolution would become the official stand of the chamber that could be viewed as pressure on the Sandiganbayan.

"Maybe we should just archive the

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'Longevity millionaire': Living to 114

UNITED NATIONS—Hour millionaires, or people living to 114, will become more numerous as the world's population ages over the next 50 years, the chief UN demographer said Thursday.

"Most of you are familiar with financial millionaires, people who have a lot of money," Joseph Chamie, head of th. UN Population Division, said at a news conference. "There's another kind of millionaire we're going to see in-

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Yanks' arrival pours $60M into South

By Julie S. Alipala
PDI Mindanao Bureau

ZAMBOANGA CITY—Less than a month after the arrival here of United States forces for joint training exercises with the Philippine military, the country's investment climate has improved markedly and foreign investor interest has been rekindled, officials said here yesterday.

"I think people are generally happy with this cooperation that we entered into (with America) to address a problem that has plagued us for a long time," said Alberto del Rosario, Philippine ambassador to the United States, in an interview.

Del Rosario, who visited the US and Filipino troops in Basilan on Thursday, said some $60 million in grants and investments have poured into Mindanao alone and that more fund commitments are coming.

He said Bloomberg has rated the Philippines as one of the best performing stock markets in the world.

Maria Socorro Cipriano, marketing chief of the Zamboanga Ecozone, said the Balikatan exercises have drawn in more than P100 million worth of investment commitments.

"Last year, not a single call or letter of intent was sent to us," Cipriano said.

Del Rosario cited various reasons for the foreign investors' renewed interest, among them the government's "very proficient" management of the economy and the political will to address the terrorist problem.

Cipriano said that as soon as the news on the coming of the Americans spread, the Ecozone received dozens of calls and letters of intent from prospective investors.

One of these was from a Korean who proposed to build a P128-million plant for the production of corrugated boxes.

A German company has also proposed a recycling plant that would turn used clothes into gloves, pillows and stuffed toys at an estimated cost of P50 million.

WAE Manufacturing, a China-based company, has also firmed up plans to set up a P15 million fruit-processing facility.

Ricardo Marmoleno, past president of the Zamboanga Chamber of Commerce and Industry Foundation Inc., said the renewed economic activity triggered by the war games has been an inspiration to small businessmen.

City Administrator Antonio Orendain Jr. said his office has received more than 20 additional applications for permits for restaurants, eateries and videoke bars.

The Americans themselves are contributing about P200,000 per day to the Balikatan Trade Fair alone.

Southern Command chief Lt. Gen. Roy Cimatu, meanwhile, said US hostages Martin and Gracia Burnham were still in the Maluso area of Basilan.

Asked if the information was based on intelligence gathered with the help of the equipment brought in by the Americans, Cimatu said the information came from the military command posts in the area.

Cimatu's remarks came a day after it was learned that US spy planes and other high technology equipment were being used in the Balikatan 02-1 joint military exercise.

The 160-strong US Special Forces contingent for the Balikatan is backed by American P-3C Orion spy planes and other high technology surveillance equipment. ***With reports from Martin Marfil, Gerald Lacuarta, Dona Pazzibugan and Rocky Nazareno***

Taiwan to supply RP with jets

TAIPEI—Taiwan is prepared to supply the Philippines with several F-5E fighter jets for free to assist it in battling terrorism, the Taipei-based China Times newspaper reported here yesterday.

The paper said United States Rep. Dana Rohrabacher disclosed the Taiwanese offer at a congressional hearing in Washington this week.

He was quoted as saying the offer depended on the approval of the US government, which had helped Taiwan produce the fighters.

Taiwan has no diplomatic relations with the Philippines, which is playing host to about 660 US troops advising the Philippine military on its campaign against the Abu Sayyaf terrorists.

The US, which licensed Taiwan with the technology to make the single-seater F-5Es in the 1970s, has so far shown no objection to Taiwan's offer, Rohrabacher reportedly said.

Admiral Dennis C. Blair, commander-in-chief of the US Pacific Command, was quoted as telling the California Republican congressman that the Philippine Air Force would benefit from the fighters.

Neither Taiwanese nor Philippine officials were available to comment on the China Times report, which came after Blair delivered a sweeping overview of the Pacific security situation to Congress on Wednesday.

Taiwan is phasing out 100 F-5Es and twin-seater F-5Fs as it revamps its air force with advanced F-16A/Bs, French-made Mirage 2000-5s and homemade Indigenous Defense Fighters. ***AFP***

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Lawmakers want more Estrada pals charged

By Juliet L. Javellana and Philip C. Tubeza

HOUSE Deputy Speaker Raul Gonzalez and Valenzuela Rep. Magtanggol Gunigundo II filed yesterday a resolution seeking the inclusion of businessmen William Gatchalian and George Go in the charges against ousted President Joseph Estrada since the latter has admitted that they were privy to the fictitious Jose Velarde bank account.

In House Resolution No. 455, the two representatives urged the Department of Justice, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas and the Ombudsman to investigate Go and Gatchalian for their alleged participation in the case against Estrada and file the necessary charges against them.

They noted that Jaime Dichaves, whom Estrada has claimed owned the Jose Velarde account, has been charged with plunder along with the deposed president.

They pointed out that in Estrada's interview with Pia Hontiveros of ABS-CBN's "Strictly Politics," the ex-president admitted signing bank documents as Jose Velarde, but defended this by saying he was only acting as guarantor for a P500 million loan for his friend Gatchalian.

They also noted that Estrada told the TV host that Go, then president of Equitable PCIBank, had sent trust officer Clarissa Ocampo and a bank lawyer to Malacañang to get Estrada to sign as guarantor for Gatchalian's loan.

"The P500 million loan of Mr. Gatchalian from Equitable PCIBank which was aimed at rescuing the ailing business interests of the plastics magnate appears to be a character or behest loan which had no collateral," they said.

They said that a bank commits a gross violation of banking laws when it extends a P500 million loan to a person or entity that has no collateral and with only a guarantee from the President.

"The ploy by Estrada, Dichaves, Go and Gatchalian could spell disaster to legitimate bank depositors if not all the perpetrators in this (scam) are not brought before the bar of justice," they said.

And while Estrada appears to desperately want to leave the country, his erstwhile pal, Charlie "Atong" Ang, might be heading back to the Philippines sooner then expected after a US court denied his petition for bail, a ranking National Bureau of Investigation official said yesterday.

Lawyer Ricardo Diaz, NBI Interpol chief, said he expects Ang to be extradited since the Las Vegas court had gone over the claims of both the defense and the prosecution sides before it denied Ang's petition for bail.

Diaz said the NBI received official confirmation of the US court's decision denying Ang bail yesterday afternoon. Ang filed his motion after the court denied his petition for bail right after his arrest on Nov. 25 last year.

"This (decision) will hasten his (extradition) trial," Diaz said.

Diaz added that extradition cases in the US are heard speedily, unlike in the Philippines where the cases could reach the Supreme Court.

Sonny Alvarez turns tables on accuser...

By Gerald G. Lacurta

ENVIRONMENT Secretary Heherson Alvarez yesterday turned the tables on those opposing his confirmation at the congressional Commission on Appointments by presenting evidence against the former director of the Environmental Management Bureau implicated in the irregular importation of ozone-depleting substances (ODS) in 2000.

The documents showed that former EMB director Peter Anthony Abaya had accredited eight new firms to import ODS, particularly chlorofluorocarbons, all on the same date and had given them import permits even though they were not accredited by the environment department.

Abaya has registered his opposition to Alvarez's confirmation at the CA, accusing the environment secretary designate of concocting the charges against him and booting him out of the department.

Abaya is the son of Cavite Rep. Plaridel Abaya and congressional observers believe this may be one of the factors holding up Alvarez's confirmation.

Last September, Alvarez charged Abaya with grave misconduct after an initial investigation found prima facie evidence that Abaya had issued importation permits to the eight firms which were not on the DENR's list of authorized importers.

The eight alleged recipients of permits to import CFCs in 2000 were Maris Marketing Corp., Shezura Marketing Corp., Fedayeen Trading, Vines Realty Corp., Arrow Merchandising, Elite Adjusters and Surveyors Inc., Imperial Sea Corp. and Canadian Asian Enterprises.

One company, Vines Realty Corp., was given a permit to import despite being engaged in real estate development.

"This allowed them to bring in ODS, refrigerants that are already being banned worldwide under the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer," Alvarez said.

Since 2000, the country's CFC imports have gone up to 2,909 metric tons from 2,087.6 in 1999.

Alvarez explained that a kilogram of CFC-12 (a type of ODS) can be imported for $1; the domestic selling price is $6. Even if they were to sell the CFC at $5, the importers could still make a handsome profit, Alvarez said.

Scientists say that ODS, which are used as cooling agents in refrigerators and air conditioners, destroy the ozone layer, causing harmful ultraviolet rays to enter the earth's atmosphere. This could cause cataracts and skin cancer, affect the immune system and disrupt the food chain by destroying phytoplanktons on which marine animals feed.

. . . While this Alvarez explains

TRANSPORTATION Secretary Pantaleon Alvarez yesterday assailed an advertisement that appeared in the INQUIRER on March 1 highlighting the purported discrepancy in his stated assets and his income as a Cabinet secretary as the work of his "desperate" detractors.

The full-page ad asked Alvarez to explain his alleged "unexplained wealth" and showed photos of his unfinished Magallanes Village "mansion" and a house and lot in Baguio.

It said that Alvarez had stated in his statement of assets and liabilities total assets of P36.88 million against a Cabinet member's annual salary of only P462,000.

In a letter faxed to the INQUIRER yesterday, Alvarez said that his SAL had been filed just over a month after he was appointed transportation secretary.

"To introduce a slant that I could not have earned my P36.88 million total real and personal assets by being DOTC secretary for just 45 days is regrettably illogical, if not a malicious insinuation," he said.

He explained that the real properties had been acquired before he became a Cabinet secretary and were "products of long years of practicing a profession."

Fire pumps, not trucks, is all country can afford

THE PHILIPPINES cannot afford fire trucks, so the country's 5,000 firefighters will have to make do with the cheaper fire pumps in fighting fires.

At yesterday's launching of "Fire Prevention Month," President Macapagal-Arroyo said the government does not have enough money to buy much-needed fire trucks.

She nevertheless released P37 million from her Social Fund to match the Bureau of Fire Protection's budget for capital outlay this year.

But she told Chief Supt. Francisco Senot, BFP head, to use the money to buy fire pumps instead of trucks.

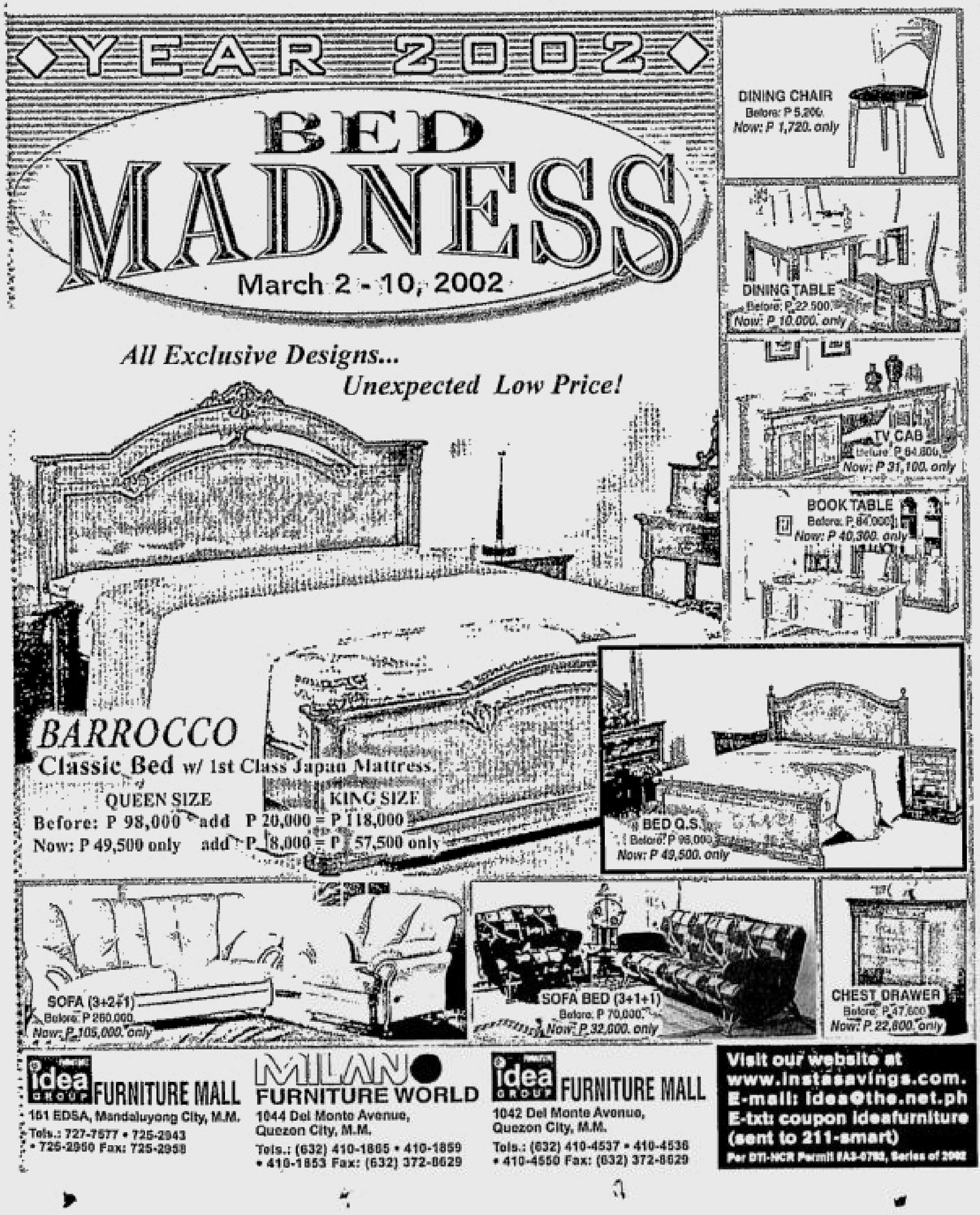
"The money will not go far if you buy fire trucks. But if you buy fire pumps, you would be helping more people," she told firefighters assembled at the Quirino Grandstand at the Luneta.

She said fire pumps would also help firefighters do their jobs.

A fire truck costs between P2.5 million and P5 million, while a portable fire pump costs between P40,000 and P400,000.

Senot said the BFP needs at least 900 fire pumps for every community to have one.

At P60,000 each, however, the President's P37 million allocation will only buy 616 fire pumps. ***Dona Z. Pazzibugan***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RP has dirtiest environment in SEA–survey

THE PHILIPPINES lags behind other countries in its overall environmental protection and conservation efforts, according to a survey conducted jointly by two United States-based universities and the World Economic Forum.

The country ranked 117th, the lowest among Southeast Asian nations, in the updated Environmental Sustainability Index (ESI), a joint project of Yale University, Columbia University and the WEF.

The ESI makes it possible to make environmental comparisons among nations, as well as to study environmental conditions in various countries.

"Comparative analysis permits us to understand where conditions are improving and where they are deteriorating," said Sen. Loren Legarda-Leviste, who released the results of the survey in a press statement yesterday.

According to the survey, the Philippines ranked lower than India (116), Indonesia (100) and even Vietnam (94).

Finland was ranked highest primarily because of its success in minimizing air and water pollution, its high institutional capacity to handle environmental problems and its considerably low levels of greenhouse gas emissions.

"The dismal ranking of the Philippines in the ESI should serve as a wake-up call for Filipinos to zero in on concerted efforts to manage environmental problems," Legarda said.

She said the ESI "measures what we are doing wrong in environmental management policies."

"We can certainly learn from those who placed high on the ESI and see what they are doing right so that we can adopt some of the measures to improve our environmental condition," the senator said. ***Rocky Nazareno***

Taipan gives ₱200M to Ateneo

THE GOKONGWEI Brothers Foundation and the Gokongwei Group of Companies endowed yesterday P200 million to the Ateneo de Manila University's undergraduate school of management (SOM).

The new John Gokongwei School of Management, named after the family patriarch, is envisioned to join the ranks of world-renowned business schools and to produce graduates steeped in business and economics.

The GBF currently maintains a technical training center for engineering graduates using German methods, and the Children's Library, which is located in the various Robinson's malls and offers free computer and other lessons to preschoolers.

James Go, JG Summit chair and GBF director, said the family recognizes education as a big factor to the success of an individual and the nation, and it is this philosophy that has guided its support for other educational institutions like the San Carlos University, Xavier School, De La Salle University, Sacred Heart School and Immaculate Conception Academy.

Go and Ateneo president Fr. Bienvenido F. Niebres SJ, signed the memorandum of agreement yesterday formalizing the grant.

Present at the ceremonies were Lance Gokongwei, JG Summit president, and his father, John Gokongwei, the family patriarch and JG Summit chairman emeritus, who founded the conglomerate that now includes Cebu Pacific Air, Robinson's Malls, Digitel, Universal Robina Corp. and other companies.

Under the commitment, Ateneo will have complete control of the funds, which will go toward faculty development, recruitment and remuneration; research, course and textbook development and policy studies; to influence national policy and decision-making through seminars, conferences and publications; and the grant of scholarships.

Palace finds it can do without 97 agencies

By D. Pazzibugan

MALACAÑANG has finished its "house cleaning" and discovered that it could do away with 97 agencies that have lain dormant in the Office of the President.

Fourteen of the agencies were transferred from the OP to other departments.

The others, or 83 agencies, have been abolished.

Budget Secretary Emilia Boncodin, who began the "streamlining" of the agencies last year, said 63 of the 83 offices no longer have employees. The 20 remaining agencies employ 154 contractual workers.

Boncodin said the workers would have to go by April unless they can find other jobs in Malacañang.

"You know what contractual employees are. Some of them can be absorbed by other agencies. For those who opt to retire, we will give them their appropriate separation benefits," she said.

The 20 existing agencies to be abolished have a combined budget of P56 million.

The abolitions and transfers were contained in Executive Order 67, which President Macapagal-Arroyo signed on Feb. 22.

Boncodin said this was part of the President's promise to streamline the bureaucracy, beginning with her own office.

She said some of the agencies dated back to the Marcos administration and were not abolished even after they completed their jobs.

"This is some sort of cleaning up of the offices and task forces under the Office of the President," Boncodin said.

"Most of these really do not exist anymore. We just want to make sure they are taken off the list so we can avoid any misrepresentation on the part of the people," she said.

Boncodin said the President would not repeat the practice of creating ad hoc commissions indiscriminately.

The abolished agencies include the National Committee on the Culture of Peace, the Coordinating Council on Executive Response and Action for the People, the Inter-Agency Task Force on the Oil Price Increase, and the Presidential Commission on the New Century and the Millennium.

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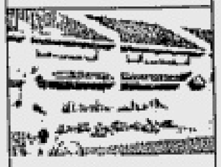
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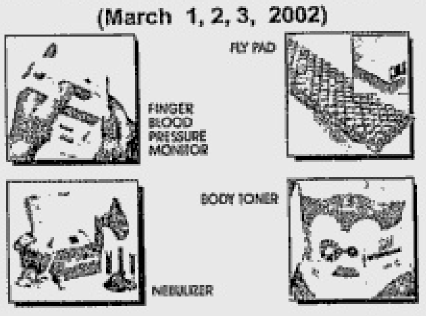
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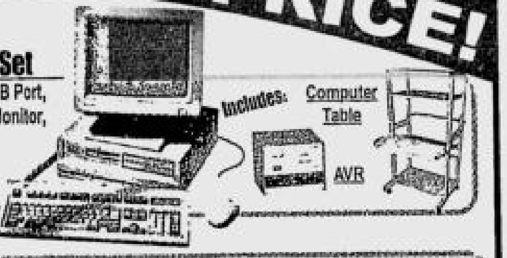
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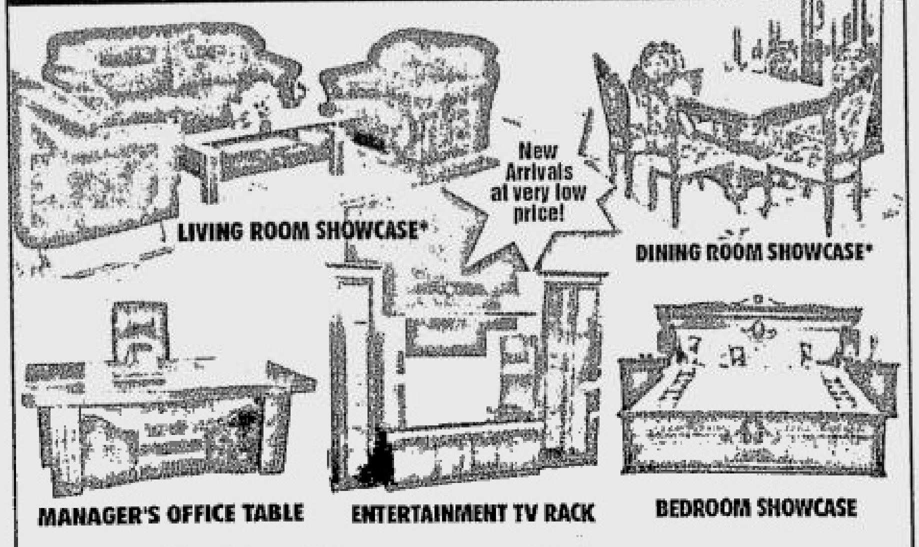
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Court raps Erap lawyer over 'kidlat' statement

By Volt Contreras

LAWYER Raymond Fortun attempted a new spin to one of Joseph Estrada's famous one-liners—and ended up apologizing to the court.

Associate Justice Teresita de Castro, a member of the Sandiganbayan Special Division, said she had heard Fortun saying in a radio interview: "*Sana tamaan ng kidlat ang mga justices na yan* (May those justices be struck by lightning)."

"Whether you are inside or outside the court, you should exercise restraint as a member of the bar," De Castro yesterday told Fortun, a former member of Estrada's defense team.

Fortun initially tried to parry De Castro's admonition. He said that his remark did not exactly go that way, and that he could not possibly wish any harm to befall members of the court.

But De Castro insisted that that was exactly what she heard him say over the radio in her car Thursday morning.

The young lawyer eventually apologized to the court and especially to De Castro.

Fortun, now serving as a "spokesperson" for Estrada, has been giving many media interviews conveying his ex-client's loss of faith in the country's judicial system.

In an interview outside the court yesterday, Fortun said what he remembered saying on radio was: "*Baka tamaan ng kidlat yang mga justices, pero huwag sana* (The justices might get struck by lightning, but I hope not)."

Fortun recalled giving that reply to this question: "What did Estrada mean when he said he was leaving his fate up to God?"

By then, he claimed, he and the radio anchor had been engaged in light banter.

Fortun said that when the court called a recess yesterday, he approached the bench to personally explain to the justices: "You know me as a religious person. You know I could not possibly say something like that."

"But I apologized to the good justice (De Castro), if that's how she may have heard it," he said.

Fortun told the INQUIRER last night that dzBB, which aired his Thursday morning interview, had confirmed his version of the remark that outraged De Castro.

In the year 2000, then President Estrada uttered the line "*Baka tamaan ka ng kidlat* (You might get struck by lighting)" on live television in the course of denying the statements of Perfecto Yasay, then chair of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Estrada had phoned GMA-7, which was then airing an episode of the late-night program "Debate" that had Yasay as one of the featured guests.

The then President warned Yasay of heaven's wrath as a result of spreading "lies" about Estrada's alleged intervention in the SEC investigation of a stock manipulation scandal implicating his crony Dante Tan.

'Poor' lawyers say Estrada too rich

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But the motion is only to help the Sandiganbayan reach a more informed decision regarding Estrada's new lawyers, Toribio emphasized. None of the four is refusing to take on the job, he added.

Estrada had dismissed the nine lawyers who handled his plunder case last Wednesday, claiming he had lost hope in the anti-graft court's impartiality. Yesterday, the PAO lawyers were designated the former President's new counsel—but only on an "interim" basis, Toribio clarified. The court's Special Division which is hearing the case gave Estrada two weeks to decide on his choice of counsel.

"That's why we will only go and see him in the event that he (will) not hire new lawyers."

Integrity, competence

In an interview at his office in Quezon City, Toribio said his group was ready to take on the historic assignment "as a chance to prove that PAO has the integrity and the competence to handle these cases."

He, Lauron and Mosing had actually already served as Estrada's counsel—on Oct. 1 last year, the first day of the plunder trial, when Estrada appeared at the courtroom without his lawyers and wearing leather slippers instead of shoes.

"Already we're hearing that the case is bound to be rigged—it's already being cooked, they say. We are being compared to *ampaw* and *siopao*. That's a very disparaging remark on PAO," he said.

"Who do you think got those Estrada supporters out of jail when they were charged with rebellion following their Edsa III uprising?" he asked.

Toribio, who has been with PAO for about a year, said Temanil, the lead counsel, has been a PAO lawyer for the last 20 years, while Mosing has served the office for seven years. Lauron has been with PAO for a year.

To stress how independent their agency has been from what he called "pressures," he said they have won acquittals for penniless clients whose adversaries included government officials and even fiscals (that is, government prosecutors).

They started to assert their independence yesterday, Toribio said, by literally keeping a distance from the prosecution team led by Ombudsman Aniano Desierto at the courtroom.

One of the prosecutors, he said, had invited them to a snack at their satellite office at the Sandiganbayan—"(but) we declined out of delicadeza."

His team went to the employees' canteen instead.

"POOR" lawyers from the Public Attorneys Office (PAO) get a wealthy client in Joseph Estrada but who does not pass the PAO's "indigent test." Clockwise from top left, Joefferson Toribio, Arturo Maril, Amelita Lauron and Silvestre Mosing.
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Protect rights

But what if Estrada snubs them?

"We will stress that we are just doing our job," he said. "Even if he doesn't want PAO lawyers, I think there must still be some other *de officio* counsel who must be there just to protect his rights."

"Our law has specifically provided that a counsel must be present for and in behalf of an accused in every proceeding, especially during trial."

A single PAO lawyer handles an average of 90 to 100 "active" cases at any one time, he said. His team will therefore need to get permission to unload some of their cases, since they will definitely be "devoting more of our time" to Estrada's plunder trial.

"Given a chance against private lawyers on a case per case basis, I think we will be at par with them and maybe even better," he added.

PCGG told: Return Olot property to Imelda

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ate Justices Rodolfo G. Palattao and Nicodemo T. Ferrer.

The anti-graft court gave the PCGG 30 days upon receipt of the resolution to "effect full compliance" with its order transferring to Ms Marcos "the full possession of her rest house located at Olot, Tolosa, Leyte."

Reconsideration

Informed of the ruling, PCGG Commissioner Ruben Carranza said that the commission would "definitely seek reconsideration."

He claimed that the court should uphold the PCGG's sequestration order because PCGG rules and regulations cited by Ms Marcos in her motion—which contained the requirement for two PCGG commissioners to sign a sequestration order—were only promulgated on April 11, 1986, or after the issuance of the March 18, 1986 writ of sequestration on the Olot rest house.

The Sandiganbayan, however, dismissed this argument, saying it was "of no moment."

"For the fact remains that a sequestration order can only be issued by the PCGG and not by 'authorized representatives,'" the Sandiganbayan ruling said.

"Obviously, the invalidity of the sequestration order appears at the very face of the said order," it said.

Daza's letter

The PCGG argued that the writ of sequestration signed by Ramirez and Abella was based on the March 13, 1986 letter of then PCGG Commissioner Raul Daza directing the two lawyers to "search for and sequester any property and documents, money and other assets belonging to Imelda R. Marcos, Benjamin Romualdez, Alfredo Romualdez, and/or their agents, which can be found in Leyte and other provinces in Region 8."

Daza's letter was only presented to the Sandiganbayan by the PCGG on Aug. 27, 2001, as it was included in the "opposition" which the PCGG had filed to block Ms Marcos' motion seeking the dismissal of the sequestration order.

But the court said that the letter signed by Daza could only be considered as a letter of authority, and not in itself the order of sequestration for the Olot rest house.

It even proved that the writ of sequestration was issued without the determination by the PCGG that the property was "prima facie ill-gotten," the court said.

"It is worthy to note that a sequestration order shall issue only upon the specific determination of the commission that the property to be sequestered is prima facie ill-gotten, and the absence of which would, as pointed out by the Supreme Court, be a fatal defect rendering the sequestration order void ab initio," the Sandiganbayan said.

"To accept the letter of Commissioner Daza to be the order of sequestration itself would be validating a clearly irregular procedure followed by the PCGG in sequestering the Olot rest house of the defendant," it said.

The anti-graft court also pointed out that Executive Order No. 2, issued by former President Corazon Aquino, creating the PCGG and vesting it powers to recover ill-gotten wealth of the Marcoses and their cronies, could "not be considered a general writ of sequestration."

Citing Section 3 of PCGG Rules and Regulations, the PCGG argued that it could issue a writ of sequestration "motu propio when the commission has reasonable grounds to believe that (its) issuance is warranted."

The PCGG also claimed that Ms Marcos was already estopped from assailing the sequestration order on the Olot property since she had not questioned this for 15 years. It said that she could have also exhausted administrative remedies at the PCGG on this writ, before going to court.

Imelda's letters

The PCGG also cited letters of Ms Marcos dated Nov. 3, 1994 and June 29, 2001, which allegedly recognized the sequestration order.

Ms Marcos only questioned the sequestration order when she filed her motion to quash on Aug. 8, 2001 before the Sandiganbayan.

But the court disagreed with the PCGG's view, saying that this was not a novel issue, and that Ms Marcos still had the right to question the writ of sequestration.

Precedent

In issuing the ruling, the Sandiganbayan also relied on a previous Supreme Court resolution invalidating the sequestration order of the PCGG on the Dio Island Resort in Leyte, which was also issued by Ramirez.

"Even assuming arguendo that Attorney Ramirez had been given prior authority by the PCGG to place Dio Island Resort under sequestration, nevertheless, the sequestration order he issued is still void since the PCGG may not delegate its authority to sequester to its representatives and subordinates, and any such delegation is invalid and ineffective," said the Supreme Court ruling cited by the Sandiganbayan's resolution.

The Sandiganbayan also rejected the PCGG reliance on a Supreme Court ruling upholding its sequestration order signed by PCGG Commissioner Mary Concepcion Bautista, which was also issued before the promulgation of the PCGG Rules and Regulations.

It said that the case was different since in that high court ruling the writ was issued by a PCGG commissioner, while the writ of sequestration on the Olot property was issued by a non-commissioner.

"In sum, not only the authority of the official who issued the order absent; no such authority legally existed. Thus, the above sequestration order is void since the same was issued by one (who is) not a (PCGG) commissioner," it said.

'Longevity millionaire': Living to 114

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creasingly—the longevity millionaire, a person who will live a million hours. That sounds strange today, but in a few years you'll be increasingly seeing this."

Chamie presented a report forecasting that by 2050, the number of people aged 60 or older will for the first time in history exceed those younger than 15.

The report, compiled for the Second World Assembly on Aging, to be held in Madrid on April 8-12, said population aging would have a dramatic impact on savings, investment, pensions and taxation.

It will also affect health, family composition, housing and migration, and will likely "influence voting patterns and representation," the report said.

There are an estimated 629 million people aged 60 or over today, and the figure is expected to triple to almost 2 billion—21 percent of the projected world population—in 2050.

They will include 3.2 million centenarians, compared with about 210,000 now, the report said, a 15-fold increase.

Asked about the reliability of projections over half a century, Chamie said UN forecasts in the 1950s of the world population in 2000 had proven accurate to about 100 million in 6 billion—a margin of error of less than 2 percent.

But he acknowledged that the pace of population aging was "much faster than anticipated in the past," and said the accuracy of the forecast was partly due to "compensating errors."

Fertility

Asked what factors might upset the latest forecasts, Chamie singled out "decisions by couples, especially women, on their fertility."

Most women in the developed world now choose to have fewer than two children on average, and in some European countries, 40 percent of women are childless.

"That could change, possibly," Chamie said. "We don't foresee that, but it could change."

The impact of war on population trends was relatively insignificant, he said, except in countries such as Cambodia, where one-quarter of the people may have perished in the 1975-1978 genocide.

The HIV/AIDS pandemic, which Chamie called "a mortality avalanche," would probably have a large impact on countries such as South Africa. And there is "a great deal of uncertainty in South and East Asia," he said.

Greatest achievement

But the trend toward an older, grayer world population is pervasive and largely irreversible.

"This is great news because we are getting greater and improved control over birth and death," Chamie said.

He described the reduction in mortality as "the single greatest achievement of humanity," and the only issue discussed at the UN about which there is no controversy.

"In every one of our population commissions since its inception, there has been a universal desire among governments and peoples to decrease mortality, to decrease the misery of children dying before the age of five, of people dying prematurely," Chamie said. "That goes back to Biblical or even earlier times."

The report said life expectancy at birth had climbed about 20 years since 1950, to its current level of 66 years. *AFP*

Plummeting testosterone levels behind grumpy old men

PARIS—Call it IMS, the male equivalent of the notorious PMS.

Men who are feeling grumpy, nervous or bad-tempered could be suffering from IMS, "irritable male syndrome," caused by plummeting testosterone levels, according to research published on Thursday in the New Scientist.

Akin to premenstrual tension in women, men suffering from temper tantrums, tearfulness or just feeling nervous could be victims of their hormones, researchers said.

The journal reported that a sudden drop in testosterone could play havoc on men, turning confident chest-beating Tarzans into withdrawn, grumpy wimps.

According to Gerald Lincoln of the Medical Research Council's Human Reproductive Sciences Unit in Edinburgh, the symptoms may resemble those of so-called male menopause but can affect men of any age when stress causes their testosterone levels to drop.

Lincoln first noticed the syndrome in Soay sheep, whose testosterone levels dropped during winter, as did their interest in sex.

Even though high testosterone levels are supposed to lead to greater aggression, the sheep were more likely to injure themselves when testosterone was low.

Monitoring the activities of eight rams, he found that as the hormone levels decreased, the rams changed from competent males who addressed each other in a ritualistic fashion to nervous, withdrawn animals that struck out irrationally.

Lincoln claimed that red deer, reindeer, mouflon and Indian elephants also showed clear signs of "irritable male syndrome" when testosterone levels plummeted at the end of the breeding season.

Lincoln admitted the link to human males is shaky but said it was clear that testosterone has a major impact on human behavior, with the brain loaded with receptors for the hormone and its conversion products. *AFP*

‘No such plan,’ says general of junta plot during Edsa II

By Norman Bordadora

“THERE was no talk of a military junta.”

In saying this, Air Force chief Lt. Gen. Benjamin Defensor moved yesterday to debunk claims that he and other top brass had planned to put up a military junta that would have deposed both President Macapagal-Arroyo and then President Joseph Estrada during Edsa II in January last year.

Defensor was reacting to parts of Amando Doronila’s book, “The Fall of Joseph Estrada,” which reported that military chiefs had planned the junta during a meeting on Jan. 19 at then Armed Forces chief of staff Gen. Angelo Reyes’ quarters in Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City.

Defensor over the weekend denied the claim in a letter to the INQUIRER, which published excerpts of Doronila’s book, but mention of the same allegations in the paper’s editorial the other day prompted him to make a personal announcement, he said.

“The book is full of inaccuracies. Now, who stands to gain? If we are being painted as the bad guys, then who are supposed to be the good guys?” Defensor said in a news conference yesterday at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport.

“Whoever fed the information to Ka Doro (Doronila) does not like me,” he said.

Defensor wryly suggested that excerpts of the book dealing on the alleged junta could have been conveniently published at the time Armed Forces chief Gen. Diomedio Villanueva was due to retire in March.

“I think they find us irresistible, that’s why they mentioned us (in these allegations),” Defensor said when asked if the claim was raised to spawn negative publicity possibly aimed at derailing his bid for the top AFP post.

Defensor said he has yet to meet with Ms Macapagal regarding the allegations raised in Doronila’s book. He, however, said that there was no need for him to explain anything to the President.

“I don’t see any need to explain myself. I think the writer of the book is the one who has to explain himself,” Defensor added.

GEN. BENJAMIN DEFENSOR: “With Gloria all the way.”

Defensor is a brother of former Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago, a known political ally of Estrada. It was Estrada who appointed the general to the top post in the Air Force.

“I already talked to Ambassador Guillermo Wong. Ambassador Wong did not make this statement. There was no talk of a military junta,” Defensor added.

He was joined by Lt. Gen. Gregorio Camiling at yesterday’s news conference. Camiling confirmed that a meeting indeed took place on Jan. 19 at Reyes’ quarters.

“I was there. We just came from a class recognition party. We went to Camp Aguinaldo and had a discussion with Secretary Reyes,” Camiling said.

“But there was no talk of a military junta being set up,” he said.

Defensor scored the author for failing to get the officers’ side regarding the supposed exchange between Reyes and the generals of Class ’69 of the Philippine Military Academy.

“If you looked at the persons who were there, there were three of us from the same class yet none of us were interviewed,” Defensor said, referring to Wong, Camiling and himself.

Contrary to the book’s allegations that he was trying to go against the Constitution, Defensor said, the generals discussed with Reyes possible constitutional rationales regarding the generals’ withdrawal of support for Estrada.

“We just wanted to get a better rationale for our action because we have to explain this to our troops. We involve 40,000 men here and they do not even know what was happening,” he said.

Defensor, however, admitted he could not remember suggesting that snap elections be held instead of just letting Ms Macapagal take over as was incumbent of the vice president.

“I could not remember (if I raised the matter of snap elections). It was a free wheeling discussion and it was one of the matters discussed,” Defensor said.

He categorically denied that he suggested the putting up of a junta, that he suggested power sharing among principals in Edsa II and that there was a heated argument between the generals and Col. Victor Corpus.

“How could a colonel argue with three-star generals?” Defensor asked.

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Illegal fishing in coastal waters hit

THE NATIONWIDE coalition of environmental groups, Bantay Dagat Movement, has called for tighter vigilance along the nation’s coastlines amid reports of unabated intrusion of commercial fishers into municipal waters.

Former Sen. Santanina T. Rasul, movement founder, said that in the light of the law and order problems that are taking so much of the police and military’s time, commercial fishing boats, including foreign-owned vessels, have been taking advantage of the lax situation and fishing in local waters.

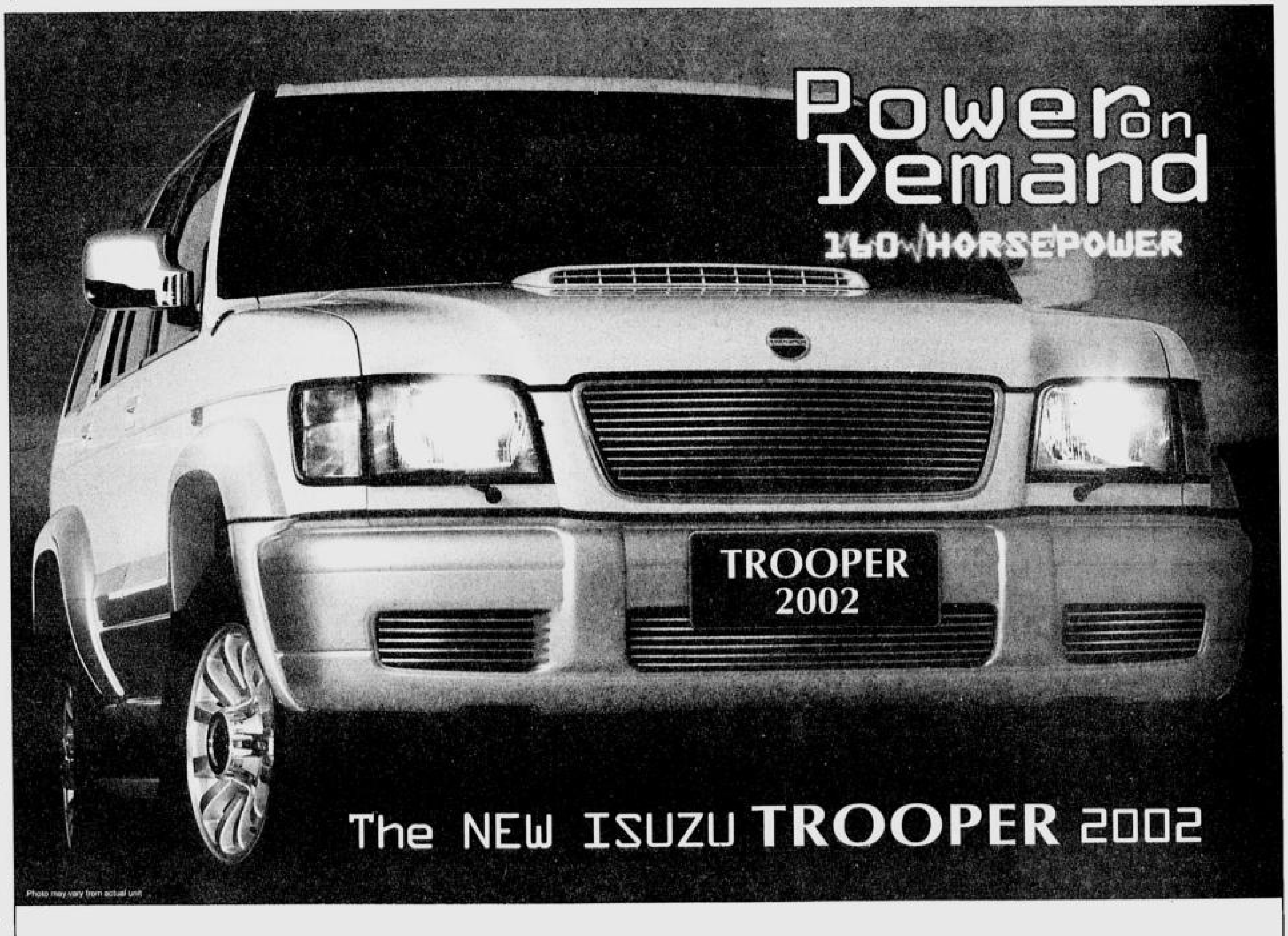
Rasul, who also organized the multi-awarded foundation Bantay Dagat Inc. (BDI), noted “the commercial fishing boats, which on occasion hire local folk, engage in illegal methods like trawling and dynamite fishing, venturing even into the coastal waters of some Batangas towns.”

She also noted that in many parts of Mindanao, including the Sulu Seas, poaching of endangered species like turtles, dolphins and sea cows, is happening under the noses of the police.

The former senator stressed there was still much to be done, particularly in educating the population on taking care of the environment and reporting violations to authorities.

She commended Bantay Dagat volunteers throughout the country for continuing to patrol their coastlines despite their lack of equipment and meager resources.

“We have to recognize the heightened awareness of the communities, including women and youth, on the importance of preserving their marine environment,” Rasul said.



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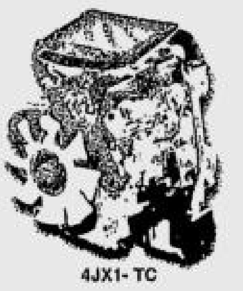

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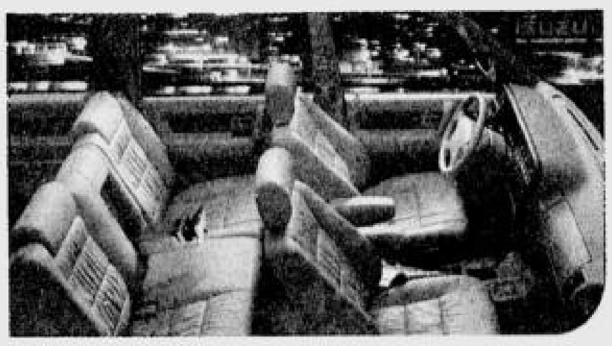

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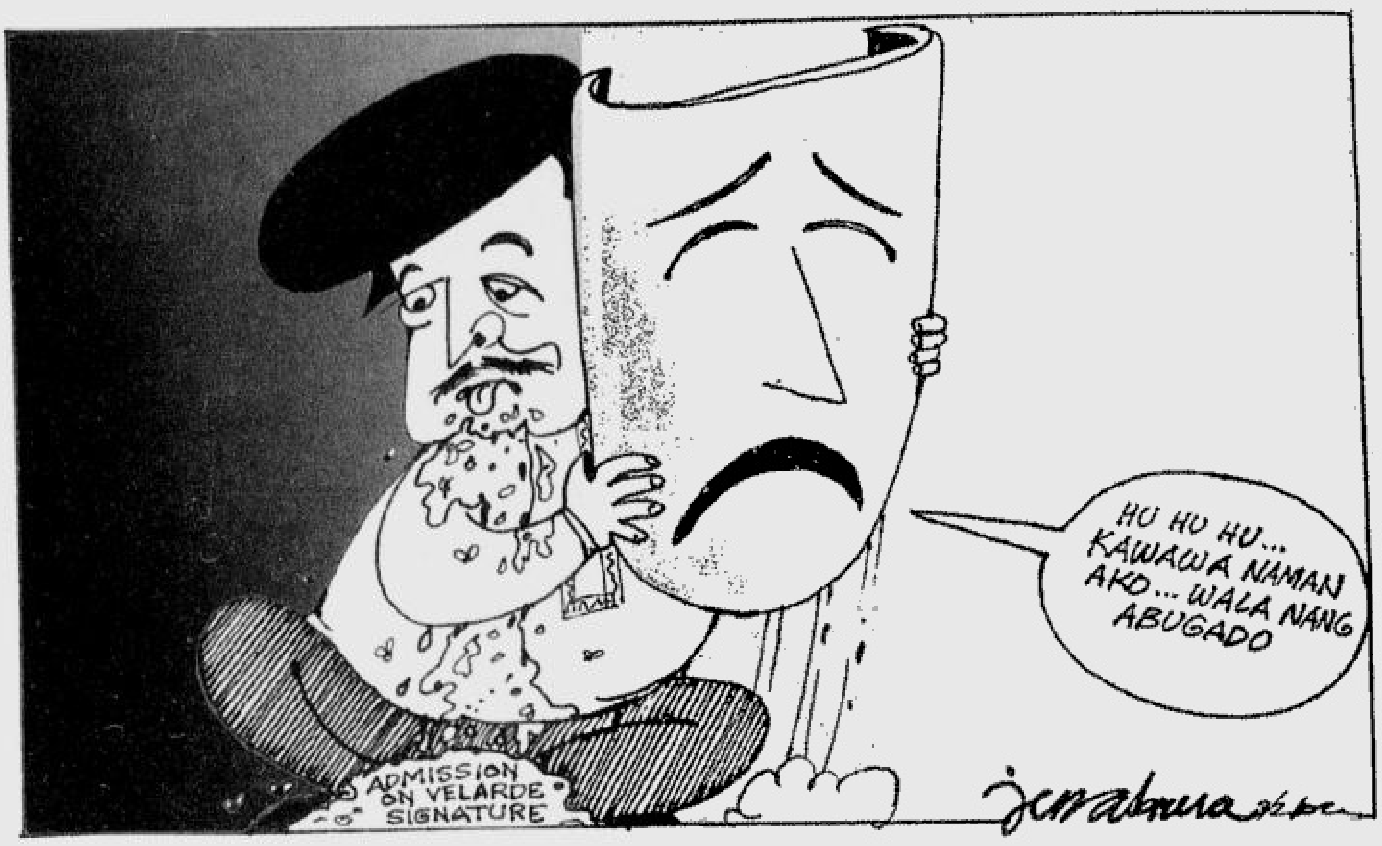
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A dangerous game

EDITORIAL

THE WITHDRAWAL en masse of deposed President Joseph Estrada's lawyers from the plunder and related cases filed against him shifts the focus of his attempt to escape criminal prosecution from the judicial venue to the arena of public opinion. It is a dramatic move to reignite a political campaign, reminiscent of the 1998 presidential election, and transform the trial into a political circus.

This shift has dangerous political overtones. First, with his statement that he could not expect a fair trial, Estrada and his lawyers have mounted an attack on the judicial system, probably the only institution that was not severely damaged by Estrada's highly personalistic presidency.

Second, his media offensive attacking the business and religious elite (i.e., the Catholic hierarchy) for alleged conspiracy in toppling his administration rekindles the class-war theme he exploited during his presidency to maintain the support of the poor, although he did nothing to alleviate poverty even as he enriched himself fabulously while he was in office. This refrain is a tired theme which is being revived to inflame the poor and to divert attention away from the efforts by Estrada and his lawyers to make a mockery of the judicial system.

And third, it is a desperate attempt to politicize the trial by taking it away from the venue where evidence is the determinant of his guilt or innocence of the charges laid against him.

In shifting the venue of the trial to the arena of the rabble, Estrada and his lawyers have launched an assault to destroy public confidence in the judicial system. This assault can be understood in a better light when we consider the fact that it was the courts, especially the Supreme Court, that clothed with legitimacy the assumption of power by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, following the collapse of the regime in the face of the military's withdrawal of support from the Estrada administration.

During his impeachment trial, Estrada had a chance to offer evidence to respond to serious charges in the articles of impeachment. He never availed himself of this opportunity to present his point of view or to defend himself. Nearly a year after the Office of the Ombudsman filed plunder charges with the Sandiganbayan, Estrada and his lawyers not only abused the judicial process through unrelenting delaying tactics but also failed to offer evidence to answer the charges.

His lawyers say that he had not been given his day in court, but they are to blame for this. Estrada has often refused to appear in most of the hearings, and his lawyers have systematically challenged every ruling made by the Sandiganbayan, and even of the Supreme Court, on issues involving legal technicalities.

Even his lawyers have turned politicians. One of them announced a plan to initiate "programs" to help "victims of injustice, especially the poor who cannot afford competent lawyers." This line has a hollow ring. It ignores the fact that Estrada and his lawyers have persistently sought privileges and concessions not accorded to the poor.

To the charges that the courts have been biased against him and have rushed him into being convicted, we must say that the courts, almost to a fault, have been too lenient with his lawyers even though they probably deserve to be held in contempt of court for their arrogant claim that the courts have been politicized to ensure that Estrada is convicted. If other citizens made these accusations, the court would already have slapped them down for contempt.

During his presidency, Estrada never respected institutions. He undermined them and the classic example was the subversion of the impeachment process through the decision of his cohorts in the Senate to suppress the disclosure of vital documentary evidence during the trial.

The charge that big business and the Church conspired to bring down his regime is old hat. His venalities were responsible for sparking protests in the streets and the formation of a broad coalition among multi-sectoral groups to expose his incompetence and corruption. Estrada tightened the noose around his neck. The alleged gang-up is a tired version of the conspiracy theory that is often invoked by desperate people reeling on the ropes.

Estrada does not want to play the civilized rules of the judicial process. So, he now seeks to destroy the judicial system. He is playing underdog. That's not going to help him or save him from the gallows. But it is a dangerous game.

Refinement in entertainment

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

THERE was one remarkable thing I noticed about that current film starring Richard Gomez and Regine Velasquez. Not a single homosexual actor appeared to provide what can impatiently be called "comic relief." It's true that these so-called comedians can send the *bakya* crowd in stitches. This mindless audience can be expected to roll in the aisles at the mere sight of these mincing characters and their limp-wrist antics.

But this obligatory feature of the Filipino movie does not amuse the intelligent viewers, who are in fact offended by this vulgar assault on their good taste. This is one time the local movie industry does not ape the American model, which has treated homosexuality with respect and delicacy. Perhaps many of our own film-makers exploit homosexuals not only because they bring in the cash but also because they themselves are homosexuals.

These producers and directors may not realize it but they are bringing dishonor to their kind as abnormal and disgusting people. Through our movies, homosexuals are demeaned as stupid and sexually starved persons fit only to be small-time gossiping beauticians and couturiers. In fact, there are many gay persons leading quiet lives as respected professionals (including some members of Congress) or even only as average persons minding their own business.

Rock Hudson was a popular actor who played many he-man roles that did not reveal his real nature. His homosexuality was one of the best-kept secrets in Hollywood, because he did not flaunt it and his peers respected him for it. Other entertainers have admitted their homosexuality, but they have not caricatured it as many of our own actors do, to cash in on it at the box office. These have made successful careers of their homosexuality with the tasteless support of their drooling admirers.

The comedian Dolphy became popular with such films as "Facifica Falayfay" and "Jack en Jill" that exposed the homosexual to ridicule as an addled person not worthy of serious attention. It is a credit to Dolphy's talents that his parody of gay persons persists today to degrade homosexuals in general, including the serious-minded among them. Fortunately, he himself has shed off his *bakla* image by playing straight roles and engaging in not a few off-screen romances proclaiming his manhood.

A number of outstanding foreign films have frankly dealt with homosexuality, not to deride but to call for its understanding. The treatment has always been sensitive, neither tasteless nor judgmental, but sympathetic. I remember one English movie, "The Crying Game," that impressed me with the beauty of the tragic leading lady only to discover later that she was a man. There was also the widely acclaimed play by Lillian Hellman, "The Children's Hour," that told the sad story of a lesbian love. We are not repelled by Will and Grace but laugh with them for their good clean fun.

Same-sex relationships in American movies have not been cheapened into homosexual affairs. The popular comedy team of Walter Matthau and Jack Lemmon did not even hint at an unsavory liaison between them although one was supposed to be a slob and the other compulsively neat, like a woman. Our own movie producers would have injected sexual connotations in that partnership, with the finicky one acting like a homosexual.

I mention all this because of a letter to the editor sent by Francis Bernardo who fears the worst about the plan to hire local comedians to entertain the US troops in Mindanao. He writes:

"I'm just wondering what kind of show our comedians will put on for the Americans. Will they offer their usual fare? You know what I mean: wearing bizarre costumes and acting like gay persons, mugging and screaming jokes about sexual orientation, physical characteristics and bodily functions—all delivered in carabao English...I suggest installing anti-grenade screens in front of the stage."

Amen to that, and I hope there are many more of us kindred spirits in the long-suffering majority. It's time we put our feet down on the crass fare the movie industry is cranking up like so many tedious potboilers, let alone the garbage also fed the unwary audience by television. I remember one excessively obnoxious talk show featuring a homosexual who sported a different kind of silly hat with each episode. It was finally canceled, probably because even his *bakya* audience could not stand him anymore.

The exhibition on TV of the grisly execution of soldiers by the outlaws in Mindanao left its audience shaken and revolted. It is argued that the purpose was to make the people realize the bestiality of the bandits, but this is one instance where the end does not justify the means. The stations that aired the video should have exercised more restraint and respected the sensibilities of their audience.

Some years ago, American television warned its audience to change channels if they did not want to witness the actual execution of a woman convict. Parents were specifically advised not to let their children watch it. Last September, all the corpses recovered from the Twin Towers debris were decently covered; not a single one of them was exposed to the watching world. And, incidentally, the comedians stopped cracking jokes during that mournful period out of respect for the innocent victims.

If that plan to entertain the American troops with local talent materializes, I hope its organizers will offer them decent fare. Our usual shows could be more deadly than the Abu Sayyaf.

Garchitorena's response

GET REAL

Solita Collas-Monsod

SANDIGANBAYAN Presiding Justice Francis Garchitorena has been facing what has to be more than his fair share of adversity lately. Among other things, the Supreme Court fined him and gave him a figurative slap in the face (both undeserved, yours truly has argued in previous columns). Also, various quarters have seen fit to cast aspersions on his integrity, following decisions he has penned which do not conform to his critics' expectations.

He has borne all these in stoic silence, at least publicly, like the proverbial camel. Until last week, that is, when my much-admired neighbor on this page, retired Supreme Court Justice Isagani Cruz, laid the straw that broke the camel's back. Cruz suggested, among other things, that Garchitorena, after having been bypassed several times for a Supreme Court appointment, should have resigned from the judiciary.

I sincerely hope that Garchitorena's "response" will be printed in full by the newspapers which also printed the criticisms against him. It is only fair that he be given equal time in the court of public opinion.

Garchitorena's missive is also serendipitous, given the virulent attack being mounted by former President Joseph Estrada on the Philippine justice system. Estrada claims that all the cards have been stacked against him, that not only has he been prejudged, with the outcome of his case a foregone conclusion, but there is an unholy conspiracy between the justice system and the media to rush it to that conclusion. And Estrada's claims, at least initially, have struck a sympathetic chord among a lot of people.

Given the charismatic nature of the former president, and his indisputable ability to play on his audience's emotions (not to mention the very real possibility that his claims may have some solid basis), it is easy to forget the significant strides that have been made by the Davide Court in reforming the judiciary. But Garchitorena's letter, albeit unwittingly, should go a long way toward reminding the reader (and hopefully Estrada) that justice can be impartial, and that the rule of law can reign supreme—definitely in Garchitorena's courtroom, and hopefully in many other salas.

Garchitorena writes: "Whatever Erap is or might have been, whatever the Marcoses were and might now be is one thing; whether the requirements of the law have been complied with in order that their guilt can be established according to law is another matter. And that is what law courts deal with. Personal opinion, or the reputation of the parties cannot be a basis for ruling, otherwise, we would not need the law nor the courts; we need only public opinion surveys, and as the surveys go, so should the judgments be."

Estrada has only to recall that Garchitorena castigated him—fearlessly, considering that he was vice president at the time—in no uncertain terms for attempting to influence or pressure the court into permitting Imelda Marcos, who was then out on bail, to travel abroad for health reasons.

Obviously, Garchitorena earned no "*pogi*" points with the future president for this act of lèse majesté. In fact, he may have paid for it dearly, because Estrada as president bypassed him for a Supreme Court appointment. And yet, it was Garchitorena who also ruled late last year in favor of a deposed Estrada in the perjury case against the latter.

Another part of the Garchitorena letter would explain this behavior: "'But Erap is a crook, a womanizer and a drunk, and the Marcoses gave the word 'kleptocracy' to the English language! Why should they be given a break just because the charge was deficient or because the evidence presented was wrong?' The answer will always be the same: because rendering the decisions according to the law and to the Rules of Evidence is what judges in a civilized society are all about. Whatever judges personally think of the parties, whether the public thinks they are guilty or not, cannot be a valid consideration for what judges must do when they sit on the bench." You've got to have strength of character and moral courage to practice that rule. No kangaroo court here.

The dignity with which Garchitorena replies to the suggestion that he should resign his Sandiganbayan position because he has been bypassed twice merits emulation:

"Wounded vanity and a bruised ego are not an honest man's guide of action. Promotion is not a right. A vain man is a small man who needs attention and acknowledgment. This is not what is required for membership in the judiciary. The position of a judge is not to find acceptability with the powers that be, with those who appoint.

"I have been nominated to the Supreme Court by the Judicial and Bar Council (JBC) far more times than I can remember, and more times than I have cared to count...

"That I have been bypassed by the appointing authority is not a reflection of my professional competence (because that has already been passed upon by the JBC). It is, instead, a reflection of the preferences of the appointing political authority—which I do not question.

"If any explanation is to be made for my non-promotion, it should be made not by me, for I neither control the appointing authority nor have I acted to please those in the corridors of power...

"It has been said that it would be better to be asked why one is **not** in the Supreme Court, than to be asked why he **is** in the Supreme Court."

Well said. And well done.

Trouble in paradise

POLITICAL TIDBITS

Belinda Olivares-Cunanan

IN DISMISSING his lawyers, deposed President Estrada may indeed have bought himself time in the Sandiganbayan, but his action also heightened the fear of some quarters that he may be using his need to undergo surgery for his arthritic knee as an excuse to leave for abroad and not come back. Estrada now says he is convinced that he won't get justice from the courts, citing the Supreme Court's directive to form a special division to "railroad" his case and his recent arraignment for the second perjury case, despite the attempt of his lawyers to prevent it. If Erap now says he does not believe he would get justice from the courts, then it's obvious that his last hope to escape punishment lies in leaving for the United States and delaying his return. His lawyers apparently became convinced of certain conviction after the formation of the special division.

In the minds of many people, after Estrada's declaration of lack of faith in the justice system, no amount of assurance from Senator Loi or Mayor JV Ejercito that he will come back will work.

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The photo of Air Force Brig. Gen. Marciano Ilagan riding piggyback found its way into various newspapers around the world, such as the Singapore Straits Times. Which is really a pity, because it put our uniformed men in a bad light even as it failed to emphasize a number of cultural and economic realities here. One is that carrying people piggyback as they alight from boats is done all the time by people in our various islands as a way to earn money, especially in resort areas such as Boracay in Aklan and Bantayan in northern Cebu. In our islands people offer to carry tourists and their belongings—for a fee. I have seen many tourists availing themselves of this service in those places. This is no different from the racket in flooded areas in the metropolis whereby people charge you to use planks to keep your feet dry.

The decision of Ilagan to ride piggyback on a rather emaciated man was unfortunate because he was in uniform. Men in uniform have a dignity to uphold at all times. He looked ridiculous in that photo, which highlighted the perception that the Philippine military has become so soft. More so because an American sergeant behind him chose to wade ashore. But is it true that the GI wanted to be carried, too, but his huge size made it difficult to do? At worst, it was poor judgment on Ilagan's part.

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Speaking of Boracay, there's trouble on that beautiful island paradise, which is acclaimed as one of the best beaches in the world and our premier tourist destination. Last Thursday, some 139 resort owners held a rally to denounce the continuing power blackouts that are wreaking havoc on tourism and their business. As the protesters pointed out in a letter to President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, power interruptions in Boracay are a common and regular occurrence, and the fluctuations in current, which drop to as low as 150 volts, damage their electrical appliances and equipment, adding to their losses and expenses. The protesters pointed out that for the past decade the Aklan Electric Cooperative, the sole power distributor in Boracay, has failed to deliver adequate power. Numerous petitions sent by the consumers to various government agencies have fallen on deaf ears and only ended in finger-pointing. A public hearing conducted by the committee on energy of the House of Representatives on the island in March of 1999 failed to produce results.

The resort owners pointed out that as the "crown jewel of RP tourism," Boracay contributed P3 billion to the economy in 2001, with tourist arrivals growing by 15 percent from the previous year. They said the island's full tourist potential, which has barely been tapped, may never be realized because of the bad power situation. Clearly the Department of Tourism, which is spending a lot of money on promotions abroad, ought to straighten things there in Boracay.

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Some policemen from the Western Police District have protested recent moves of National Capital Region Police Chief Edgar Aglipay to reassign to the provinces some 400 metropolitan policemen considered to be "NPAs" (non-performing assets) or, as Aglipay put it, "less committed." What happened was that the 503 policemen from other regions who were brought to Manila last year to augment its forces following a rise in criminality were allowed to stay, and in turn the police from the NCR who were under-performing were sent to the provinces. As Aglipay put it, it was a choice between the "better performers" from the provinces who were industrious, college graduates with civil service eligibility and metropolitan "NPAs." The reassignment came in the wake of several complaints from citizens and tourists against some city cops.

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Predictably the transfers ordered by Aglipay drew complaints from some members of Manila's Finest Brotherhood Association (some lucrative sidelines were doubtless disturbed). The complaining cops got support from Napolcom vice chair Rogelio Pureza, who ordered Aglipay to desist from effecting the transfers. What's good, however, is that Aglipay's reform measures have the full backing and support of the metropolitan mayors, who recognize that the police commander has full authority to effect needed transfers and who want to curb growing criminality in their areas. I have noted, however, that PNP Director General Leandro Mendoza and Interior Secretary Joey Lina, who chairs the Napolcom, have been silent on the matter. They should be supporting Aglipay since the reforms he has instituted will improve police service in the metropolis.

Script or stupidity?

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

ANO BA talaga, mga tita (at tito)? Is it a scheduling problem, lack of faith in the Sandiganbayan and the Supreme Court, a grand sulk, canny political posturing, desperation, a bid to land once more in the headlines?

True to his show-biz calling to keep 'em guessing, former President Estrada seems bent on pulling one magic trick after another. Just recently, he sent the country in a tizzy when his allies in the House and Senate gathered signatures to support a petition to allow him to fly to the United States for medical treatment. Apart from resurrecting the rejected exile option, the move ignited a side controversy regarding the competence of Filipino knee surgeons and a patient's right to treatment of one's choice.

Then even before the debates and protests over the issue could die down, he throws us for a loop by admitting to Pia Hontiveros on TV that indeed Clarissa Ocampo was telling the truth when she said he had signed bank documents as Jose Velarde, opening himself to charges ranging from keeping secret bank accounts to illegal use of alias.

Was this indeed a case of a fish being caught by its mouth, a single indiscretion torpedoing a case that had been meticulously prepared by a battery of lawyers? The way I see it, there are only two ways to judge the incident: Erap is either incredibly stupid or incredibly foxy.

Whatever, that "confession" has touched off yet another chain of events that has effectively grabbed headlines away from the Balikatan exercises and back to the former president once more.

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RENE Saguisag says his leaving his client was prompted by the Sandiganbayan's insistence on an almost-daily schedule of hearings, apparently paying heed to the request for "swift justice."

I don't know why Saguisag keeps bringing up the "injustice" of holding him to such a rigorous schedule. After all, he isn't (or wasn't) Erap's sole lawyer. Surely, if he were to absent himself once or twice a week (to serve his poor pro bono clients, he says), the defense would not have collapsed!

Anyway, that argument is moot and academic as Erap has dismissed all of his lawyers, saying he has lost faith in the capacity not just of the Sandiganbayan but of the entire judicial system, including the Supreme Court, to give him a fair trial.

Erap and his (former) lawyers cite a series of unfavorable decisions that they say has stacked the cards against their (former) client. But it seems they set up Erap for such setbacks, filing all sorts of petitions from transfer of venue to house arrest, from photo sessions to medical treatments. As far as I can recall, the prosecution has barely touched the substance of the case against Erap. If during the impeachment hearings people said Erap's counsel seemed to be paid per objection, it looked like they were being paid per "urgent petition."

I just happened to catch Monica Lewinsky's interview with Larry King before I sat down to write this, and it occurred to me that Bill Clinton may have had reason to cry "bias" and "conspiracy" on the part of Ken Starr and associates. But even if Clinton was the sitting president (albeit impeached), he chose to subject himself to the legal system, no matter how embarrassing, and his lawyers pulled no stunts like resigning from the case on the pretext of an unduly heavy workload. One would think a former Philippine president and his lawyers would comport themselves with more dignity.

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ONE factor that should be considered in assessing the Erap situation now is timing. The anniversaries of Edsa Dos and Edsa Uno have come and gone. Looming on the radar screen is the anniversary of what Erap and cohorts call Edsa Tres. Surely, his supporters must be planning something to mark this event, if not recreate the desecration of the Edsa Shrine and the storming of Malacañang, then at least to match the size of the nightly crowds they managed to muster.

But how could they do that without the compelling figure of Asyong Salonga to whip up the fan frenzy? And what issue could they seize to galvanize the emotions of his followers? Certainly, a besieged Erap confronting the full might and power of the state makes for a more compelling figure than a paunchy boozer wincing from painful knees.

The situation is ripe for anarchy and manipulation, and all signs point to the creation of yet another episode in the ongoing Erap myth-making. Media have certainly fallen for these well-laid plans. How else to explain that dolorous chorus of Erap's lawyers, serving as a hang-dog backdrop to Erap bookcased by Korina Sanchez and Cito Beltran?

Ano ba 'yan! We've seen the movie already. Can't you come up with a new script?

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When the rains came

SENSE AND SENSIBILITY

Bambi L.Harper

IN A SLIM volume, titled "Cuentos Filipinos," Montero y Vidal writes about a typhoon in the 1870s and its aftermath. Not surprisingly nothing much has changed. If we were to suddenly find ourselves transported to the past during the typhoon season, the rhythm of our lives wouldn't skip a beat.

"Towards the end of the month of October, Manila was the victim of the strongest hurricane known in recent times. At all hours an incessant rain fell with symmetrical intensity so that the sky was covered with heavy clouds and the sun did not shine for a full week. The barrios of Tondo, San Miguel and others on low ground were flooded to the point that a banca was required to go to certain streets.

"Despite the fact that the Philippines suffers typhoons frequently, this particular one was outstanding in its severity and it was feared that the southeast provinces were experiencing horrible floods. On the 25th, the wind blew uncontrollably causing the doors and windows of stone houses to creak with frightening shudders. Roofs of nipa went flying, huge trees were uprooted and street lamps shattered to the ground.

"Steam boats anchored on the bay lit their boilers, those with sails dragged their anchors and not a few ran aground on the beach of Sta. Lucia now covered with the remains of other shipwrecks.

"A *baguio* with that horrible southeasterly wind, the frightening tempest of agitated seas isolated the city of Manila. Darkness was dense and the sky appeared to descend with thick drops of water impelled by the wind, banging against windows of capiz. A sudden gust blew off a steep nipa roof in Tondo and instantly the walls of *tabique Pampango* fell off, leaving the skeleton of the housing naked. The family within was left with the rain beating down on them exposed to the fury of the wind.

"One young man jumped into the middle of the street while the rest philosophically sat on their haunches, waiting patiently for the end of the storm. Afterwards once the hurricane ended, they would be sheltered by Good Samaritan neighbors until they could reconstruct their dwellings, thanks to the efficacy of bamboo, cane and *sawali*.

"Three days later a light banca was being rowed up the Pasig. Two Tagalog oarsmen, half-naked, bronze from the sun, straw hats covering their heads, agitatedly and rapidly propelled the banca over the abundant waters of the river. The boat, made from a single tree trunk, was provided with an awning of reeds that preserved the center portion from the sun and rain. Under it, students dressed in European-style suits urged the oarsmen to go faster. The craft cut through the waters as though it were a steam boat, separating the compact masses of weeds called *quiapo* that the river drags constantly in fabulous quantities.

"One of the passengers was the young man who had jumped into the street when the storm had blown the roof and walls of the nipa hut in Tondo. He was returning home to check out the damage to his property because it would affect his studies in Santo Tomas.

"Another student from Sta. Cruz, Laguna concluded from the news that had come filtering down to the city that his family was in misery. Still another from Tayabas had been told by his father that the river had overflowed its banks, the towns were flooded, the harvest destroyed, game animals of all species dead while so many were homeless. The governor had started a fund drive throughout the archipelago in order to help the victims and start the reconstruction. (The subscription produced 10, 000 *duros*.)

"At intervals an inundated, crowded barrio of nipa huts constructed on bamboo stilts shaded by bananas with huge leaves, came into view. Native women bathed in the river, showing off their lustrous tresses constantly pouring *tabos* of water over their head, a manner of bathing that they appear to prefer to total immersion. Others washed clothes with a wooden mallet, beating the clothes to make them white. In the Philippines laundry is washed well, ironed with a gadget called a *prensa* similar to a steam iron and starched using rice.

"In other places grave carabaos bathed; these brainy animals, a specie of buffalo, are calm, work hard and have extraordinary strength but have the disadvantage of being suffocated and exhausted by the heat, making it necessary for them to bathe often. When they rest they look for mudholes into which they sink, leaving only their horns uncovered.

"The river was traversed by many other bancas going in the opposite direction loaded with *bangas*, jars of a special form for water and other products, covered by a net. Other canoes were long and narrow and full of grass utilized for horse feed. Many more carried diverse produce and passengers, proceeding from the towns on the river banks.

"Thus they passed the town of Pasig from whence the river got its name and they entered the great Laguna de Bay, the source of the Pasig and to whom the province of La Laguna owes its name. The students separated and disembarked as their towns were passed, each one going his way."

Road trip

YOUNGBLOOD

Jackson L. Ubias

We want to know what the young are thinking about. What are their thoughts on current issues? We welcome contributions from the twentysomething and below.—**Ed.**

MY day begins at 5:30 am. I take a bath, giving my hair a sweet-scented shampoo and my skin a mild soap. I clothe myself in newly ironed clean jeans and shirt. I spray on some perfume from Italy. I eat *adobo* or homemade *tocino* with hot cooked rice prepared by my mother. I brush my teeth and take vitamins. And before I leave for school at 7 a.m., I never forget to get my P120 *baon* from my mother.

Aboard an air-conditioned bus bound for Philcoa, I take a seat and prepare myself mentally for the classes I have to attend on that particular day. On Mondays and Thursdays, I have two classes in Political Science. On Tuesdays and Fridays, I attend two classes in Economics, and one in English. On Wednesdays, I have another Political Science subject.

Since the traffic never seems to get better, my daily trip to school takes an hour and a half. That leaves me with a lot of time to look out of the window and observe people to pass already wasted time.

The bus that I take goes through Commonwealth Avenue in Quezon City. Along the road, there are children selling cigarettes, candies, newspapers or rugs, heedless of the speeding vehicles and the noxious emissions they produce and the scorching sun. Competing with older vendors and other children, they must have risen very early so as to sell and earn more.

Under the overpass in Tandang Sora, young adults loiter, looking happy just to be with their friends. Some of them I know by their faces because I saw them once on television being interviewed by news correspondents. If they are not serving as barkers for the parked jeepneys, they share a sniff of rugby.

Getting off the bus at Philcoa, I get a closer look of the children who consider the road their second home or perhaps their only home. Walking up the stairs of the overpass, I see many children begging. On the opposite side of the road, a group of youngsters try to earn a living by guiding motorists looking for parking space. Some of them are as old as me or even younger, and there is a couple that brings with them their baby.

When I reach UP, I pay close attention to the class discussions and try to give my own opinions. We have discussions on why the Philippines remains economically underdeveloped even if it has plenty of economic resources.

The questions extend beyond the classrooms. In between my classes, I go to my org's *tambayan* and join in some friendly but critical discussions about significant issues. When will the country experience prosperity? is one question that often comes up. Another is: When will the Filipino learn to vote wisely?

I have partial answers to these questions in my mind. Every trip I make to and from school suggests some answers: The country remains poor partly because many of our young men and women don't enjoy their right to an education because they are poor. When the youth are forced to abandon their education so that they can work or, worse, so that they can indulge their addiction to drugs, what can you expect of the next generation? If this continues, the cycle of poverty will never be broken.

These children need help. Something must be done to make them learn the skills that would allow them to earn a decent living and turn them into productive citizens. There is need for a long-term commitment to provide education to our youth. When this becomes a reality, the youth can look to the future with great hope and confidence. Then they will not sell or waste their votes on undeserving candidates. Then they will care enough about our society to exercise vigilance and fight abuses. Then they might even be inspired to introduce changes that will promote freedom, justice, equality and peace.

On the road every day, these question nag me: When will these children, these young men and women get an education? When will they wake up and start their day like I do? Will it be at 5:30 a.m. tomorrow?

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Hit and help

Peter Vincent V. Quetulio

I DON'T know what was going on inside my head when I got off a bus in the middle of the highway and made straight for the sidewalk, without checking if the way was clear. A bus hit me. I rolled over once or maybe twice and lay flat on my back. Everything went black for at least a second. Thank God, I never had a vision of walking toward a bright light.

I quickly regained consciousness and lifted myself off the ground. Then I saw people standing there as if frozen and just staring at me. But I knew instantly that most of them were looking at me with concern. Trust me.

The bus conductor rushed to my side to help me up. He got me off the road and into the bus. Another conductor would probably just have fled from the scene.

After a while, I told him I was okay, and they could leave. But he insisted on taking me to a hospital for proper medical attention. You may not be feeling anything now, he said, but the pain could come later. He asked the passengers to transfer to another bus so he could attend to me.

The driver was feeling guilty. I felt more than sorry for causing them problems. I tried to ease their anxiety by telling them everything was fine and everything would be all right. No law suits. No police report. No complaint. No one's going to lose anything.

The conductor also tried to make the driver feel better. It was nobody's fault, he told him.

Borrowing my cell phone, he reported the accident to their employer, who must have also felt worried. "*Galit na galit*," were the words the conductor used.

It seemed like the longest ride in my whole life. Along the way, the conductor kept telling me we had to go to a hospital to make sure I was safe and sound.

One may call it guilt. Others may call it persistence. I call it selflessness. I knew it was my fault and I didn't want them to be held responsible for what happened. I didn't want to make a big deal about something that happened because of my stupidity.

I told them I wanted to go home and let my family pay my hospital bill if necessary. But they insisted on bringing me home and left a couple of P100 bills—a big amount for hardworking people like them. They gave me their employer's phone number and got my number and address, just in case.

I got myself a medical check-up that same morning. After hearing the story (which I told reluctantly), the radiologist said I was lucky to have survived, with nothing more serious than a couple of bruises on my arms.

As I was going home I mulled over the doctor's remarks. He was right, but not completely. I was lucky to have met people like the driver, the conductor and the passersby, who didn't take advantage of the situation, but instead sympathized and helped. I realized that there are still people who care for others who find themselves in trouble.

I hope I can pay back them back for the goodness they showed me, especially the driver and the conductor. I know we will meet again. If not, I will find them. And I will try to repay them for their kindness.

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When will Mindanaoans be heard?

I FIND it ironic that the critics of the RP-US Balikatan 02-1 exercises come mainly from Luzon. What about us Mindanaoans? Do we have any say on the matter?

What about us Mindanaoans who have been directly and cruelly affected by the Abu Sayyaf? What about us whose families, relatives, friends, neighbors were robbed, kidnapped, raped or massacred so mercilessly? What about us who must live in fear since we could be the next victims? What about us who have been hoping that the government will be able to do something to end our misery, our worries and apprehensions? What about us?

Will there be no end to the lectures from the nationalists on sovereignty, independence, pride, nationalism or the opinions of former Senators Juan Ponce Enrile and Jovito Salonga, Fr. Robert Reyes, Ka Roger, Jose Ma. Sison, the radical Left, the militant groups, the academicians, the journalists, the lawyers, the Protestant groups, to name a few? Don't their abstract, patriotic, gibberish matter only if society is stable and secure, if the people's lives are protected, and if the Abu Sayyaf don't exist?

Our lives are at stake. Maybe sending US troops with sophisticated military hardware to help improve our military capabilities is not the right solution. But it is the only reasonable one from the perspective of fed-up Mindanaoans, and from the way things have been going. We think it is our only chance of survival in the South.

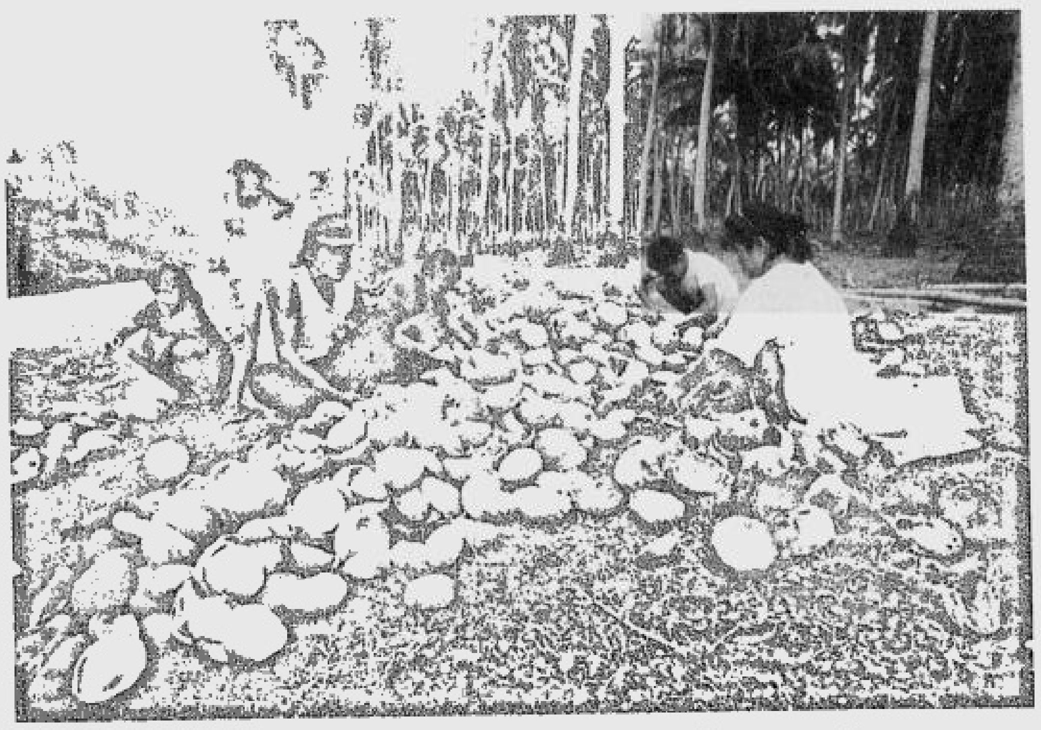
We can't rely on our military alone. Our Armed Forces has demonstrated its ineptitude time and again. We cannot live on empty promises and deadlines that can't be kept. We need results.

Whatever the real score behind the US military presence—be it America's "geo-strategic foreign policy" to regain international hegemonic rule on socio-economic affairs, or widening its campaign against transnational terror—so long as it wipes out the Abu Sayyaf, brings in investments, stabilizes the economy, creates more jobs, then so be it. For as long as the US troops will stay only up to a year, training, advising, assisting our soldiers and they do not engage in combat and operate under Filipino command, our Philippine sovereignty will be truly respected and protected.

I'm afraid that all the jabbering, political bickering, media wrangling have done more damage to us Mindanaoans.

When, in heaven's name, will we be heard once and for all? Shouldn't we be the better judge of this?

—DODO RA. CAGAS, Estrada 3rd, Digos City, Davao del Sur



Are new UCPB directors real coconut farmers?

PRESIDENT Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo deserves the gratitude of the coconut farmers for including in the United Coconut Planters' Bank (UCPB) board alleged coconut farmers' representatives as mentioned in the news report, "Gov't nominees take over UCPB board." They were identified as Prudencio A. Garcia, Alejandro D. Asis, Vicente A. Fabe, Romeo Royandoyan and Jose Ma. Faustino.

The levy under Republic Act 6260 (Cocofund Law) was first collected in 1971 and ended in 1981 (it was collected for 10 years as mandated by law). The Coconut Consumer Stabilization Fund (CCSF) was first collected in 1973 and suspended in 1982. During this period, it was only the Coconut Producers Federation (Cocofed) which was recognized by the government as the duly authorized organization to represent all the coconut farmers in the country.

When I conducted symposia with the coconut farmers from 1981 until 1984 throughout the Visayas and Mindanao, it was the Cocofed that I coordinated with in ensuring attendance at the meetings. I did not meet anyone of the listed nominees or hear of their respective organizations being involved in the cause of the coconut farmers during that time.

Some of the names of the nominees started to appear only during the time of President Corazon Aquino, some during President Fidel V. Ramos and others only very recently.

I am not bragging but I have talked to more coconut farmers in the Visayas and Mindanao than anybody else in this country. And I talked to them the longest because my dialogues with them would last from three to four hours per meeting. That's why I knew the leaders of the industry who really worked for the interest of the coconut farmers in the country.

I cannot find any reason why the Cocofed is not given any representation in the UCPB board. This is grossly unfair!

It is safe to presume that the alleged farmers' representatives in the UCPB board are rewarded with these positions because they were used to fight Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco and the Cocofed. How these groups slandered Cojuangco is beyond imagination! They were so brutal and unkind. They made him appear like the most despicable villain of all time.

For all that Cojuangco has done for the coconut farmers he deserves their gratitude, loyalty and love!

But, are the nominees of President Macapagal representing the coconut farmers, real coconut farmers? Do they own coconut lands to prove that they are real coconut farmers?

It is said that you cannot find love if you don't have it. If you don't own coconut land, can we expect you to fight for us who are coconut land owners? If you are not a coconut farmer, can the coconut farmers expect you to fight for their cause?

President Macapagal owes it to the coconut farmers in the country to publish the individual coconut land holdings of her nominees to the UCPB board representing the coconut farmers.

—JOSE T. MARCHAN, Coco-Industry Rationalization Movement Inc. (Crami), 1026 Belen St., Paco, Manila

Murder of Filipinos by proxy

WE strongly object to the murder by proxy of Filipinos by John Wilks of Australia in his letter "False claims about condom use," published in the INQUIRER last Feb. 23.

Wilks criticizes our group, the Catholics for a Free Choice (CFFC), as Australian Catholic doctor and world HIV-AIDS expert Dr. John Dwyer endorsed life-saving condom use in a medical meeting in Manila. He claims that because the CFFC has not personally "interviewed more than half of the world's one billion Catholics," its claim of support is "fraudulent," and "claims to the contrary, are scientific nonsense."

What is fraudulent and nonsense is to ignore our doctors belonging to the Philippine Medical Association and our government policy on condoms as promoted by the Department of Health. It is a grave sin for an HIV-infected husband to infect his innocent wife with a death warrant, and good church men agree, as does UNAIDS director Peter Piot, who said, "When priests preach against condoms, they are costing human lives!"

Pharmacist Wilks should know that a lot of money comes from pharmacy sales of condoms that save lives in Australia. So, why does he want to take our lives here where HIV-AIDS infection is so low compared to the much higher rate in Australia? The World Health Organization gave us the figures.

—ANTHONY CRUZ, Quezon City Task Force on AIDS

Justice must prevail in Erap case

WE vehemently protest the planned trip of deposed President Joseph Estrada to the United States for a knee operation and treatment of other ailments. Allowing him to leave will set a dangerous precedent whereby any person charged with a serious crime and under detention can seek medical treatment abroad, thereby obstructing the administration of justice. Allowing him to leave is tantamount to providing him a window of opportunity to escape the long arm of the law.

To cite the case of Ninoy Aquino who was allowed to leave the country to undergo a heart bypass operation in the United States is not fair. Aquino's ailment was life threatening and at that time that medical procedure was still rarely performed in the country. Today with the advance of medicine, and the setting up of world-class medical centers here, together with the presence of highly skilled Filipino doctors, medical procedures such as those contemplated for Estrada can be done here.

To say that the absence of Estrada from the country would be good for the administration of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, as a congressman claimed, is totally irrelevant. Such a benefit, if it is a benefit at all, should not becloud the issue that justice must be applied without fear or favor.

The Concerned Women of the Philippines, being one of the organizations that worked hard with many other groups for the removal of Estrada, wants to see the case against him to its logical conclusion so that justice will finally triumph and prevail.

—PANSY B. PATERNO, EVELYN L. KILAYKO for the Concerned Women of the Philippines

Let Erap go—with his supporters in Congress

I HAVE long ago given up on the honorable members of the Senate and the House of Representatives. But their latest caper of sponsoring a resolution to ask the Sandiganbayan to let deposed President Joseph Estrada fly to the United States ostensibly for medical treatment takes the cake. Now that Erap's American doctor told the local medical society that his patient's illness can be treated here, what reason will our lawmakers cite to rescue their fallen idol?

Those staunch defenders of Erap, Representatives Didagen Dilangalen and Butz Aquino, must be cooking up other reasons to help their idol. May I suggest to the two that they declare that their benefactor is suffering from a mental ailment that only the best psychiatrists at the Mayo Clinic can cure?

Don't get me wrong. I am very much amenable to Erap's going to the United States for treatment, provided the 132 congressmen and the 19 senators who voted for the resolution go with him and don't come back.

—JOSE B. JUMAWAN, Ponteverde Subd., Cupang, Antipolo City

Can we never stop bickering?

DON'T we ever get tired of bickering in this country? There are so many different groups fighting each other. Our politicians spend most of their time slinging mud and finding fault among themselves.

Meanwhile our monumental problems are not being dealt with. Consequently, we continue to languish and lag behind our neighbors.

We are a democratic country and so the people have the last say. In a democracy, the majority rules. Nonetheless our elected officials seem oblivious to this and constantly ignore the popular mandate. The prime example is the polls showing the majority of Filipinos supporting the Balikatan exercises. They want the Abu Sayyaf problem eradicated once and for all. It is common knowledge that we cannot do that without help. It just so happened the US government offered its assistance. So why are we still squabbling over the issue?

Japan, South Korea and Singapore, among other countries, host thousands of American troops and no one is raising hell about sovereignty in these countries. Obviously, there is a big gap between them and us and that is because we do not share their common sense.

—MILAGROS KLEIST, 70 F Binictican Drive, Subic Bay Freeport 2222

Showing the real face of the enemy

IN JUSTIFYING the controversial showing of the video footage on the beheading allegedly by the Abu Sayyaf, the Macapagal administration has used the argument that "the public has the right to see the real face of the enemy."

We have no quarrel with that. But what everyone seems to be missing is that showing just one aspect of the atrocities committed by the Abu Sayyaf, or any other group for that matter, is not showing the real face. It may just be showing one side of the face.

Following the administration's argument, if the public has indeed the right to know the real face of the enemy, then it must show everything—left side, right side, front. Otherwise, that's not showing the real face. It would, in effect, be misleading the public.

The rape of female hostages, for instance, is as much an atrocity as the beheading of others. So, why not show rape scenes on primetime TV as well? If such a gory scene as a beheading of a hostage was considered worth recording on videotape, rape scenes must have also been recorded for the entertainment of these bandits during their long periods of hiding in the jungles of Basilan.

But this is not the point. It is quite certain that the administration will not be able to give the same justification for showing such footage.

It is obvious that the administration's use of this justification was an error committed in its desperate attempt to cover up the real face of the enemy. One that becomes more recognizable as the Balikatan exercises unfold. When this is all over, everyone may just realize that they were staring the enemy right in the face all the time.

—MARCO AZAOLA BALLESTEROS, Ateneo High School, Loyola Heights, Quezon City

We remember, we celebrate

COMMENTARY

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WHY should we celebrate? After the so-called "revolutions," not much has changed. The poor remain poor. Peace is still elusive in Mindanao. Politicking continues to be the favorite pastime of our national leaders. So, why celebrate?

These sentiments greeted the anniversary of Edsa I and Edsa II this year. The attitude is clearly one of cynicism. In the seminary, we are told that cynicism is poison to the spiritual life. It deadens the soul. It is the proud stance of the calloused man who says that he has seen and experienced everything there is to see and experience in life. He has life all figured out. There is no more room for surprises, or mystery, or change. We played the music, but you did not dance.

The opposite of cynicism is hope. It is looking at life in perspective: there are bad times, but there are good times as well. It is the stance of the old warrior who says that in life, you win some, you lose some. In life, change takes time, and in the meantime, one cherishes the small victories. One counts his blessings.

The man of hope knows how to wait. He learns to be patient with himself and with the vagaries and vicissitudes of life. Above all, he trusts deeply that life is unfolding as it should, that it is marching toward a completion, a finality.

In the political realm, the man of hope sees history as an evolutionary process. In Edsa I, the Filipino people discovered power and strength in united action. But this was not enough. This was only the start of their education on democracy and nationhood. In Edsa II, we learned about governance, leadership and public accountability. These pushed further what we had already learned at Edsa I in 1986.

But again these were not enough. Three months later, the whole nation was held hostage by the May 1 revolt of the poor, now slowly gaining acceptance as "Edsa Tres." Amid our shock, we reflected and realized that democracy is nothing if a big part of the populace is mired in misery and poverty. This realization then has pushed further in our collective consciousness the meaning of democracy and nationhood. It has pushed further the gains of Edsa I and Edsa II.

It was observed oftentimes before that the fundamental problem with our nation was our lack of a common sense of citizenship. We were clannish, cliquish, elitists, regionalists. The Philippines was a mere grouping of islands. The long and proud history of the genesis of our nation lost its appeal to us. It was as dead as the dates and figures on the pages of our history books, destined to be forgotten. Jose Rizal and Andres Bonifacio seemed like a thousand centuries away from the modern era.

Nevertheless, there were rare moments when we easily thought and felt that we were one nation, such as when one of our athletes or one of our beauty queens won an international competition. These were the times we experienced a quickening in our national soul. But these occasions were few and far between.

Then came Edsa I which awakened us as a nation. We were proud again to be Filipinos. We could confidently raise our heads again in the community of nations. But this was just the start. Our learning process in the modern day and age—a process albeit painful, tedious and at times seemingly hopeless—had only just begun. And it continues to this day, in spurts such us Edsa II and "Edsa Tres," or slowly as in the formation of people's organizations and civic groups all over the country. These are not separate events. They form a continuity, a process, an evolution.

In this light, when we celebrate the past, when we commemorate significant turning points in our history, we help push forward this evolutionary process. Because of this, the past becomes present to us.

We do not remember of course to dwell alone in the glories of the past. We share our stories of the past, as Hannah Arendt would say, to celebrate, more than anything else, the power of the individual or groups to begin anew, to start afresh, such as we have seen in Edsa I and Edsa II. We celebrate then the Filipino as a political actor, the Filipino as Pope John Paul's "acting person."

As for the Christians among us, we tell the stories of the past to celebrate, more than anything else, God's loving action revealed and manifested in our own place and time. Indeed, from the theological standpoint, the "miracles" of Edsa I and Edsa II, and in some profound sense, even "Edsa Tres" were but precious moments, parts of the unfolding of the history of salvation.

We remember then, and from this remembering, gather strength and move forward into the future, hopeful, courageous. Again and again, we will celebrate, we will remember, until we can truly imagine ourselves as a nation, until we can truly conceive in our collective consciousness our bonds as Filipinos. Remembering then becomes a political act, a patriotic duty.

In this evolutionary process that we find ourselves in, cynicism about the gains of the past is destructive. It leads to a dead end. On the other hand, hope in our moral progress as a nation inspires possibilities and creativity.

In these crucial times of our history, cynicism then becomes an act of cowardice. Hope is an act of courage.

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Tariff on cement leveled playing field

I WRITE on behalf of the Philippine Cement Manufacturers Corp. (Philcemcor) whom I represent as legal counsel in its application for safeguard measures under Republic Act 8800. This is regarding the story titled, "Philcemcor says cement tariff is 'puny' after all," which was attributed in part to Philcemcor.

Philcemcor confirms that two shipments of Thai cement landed in the Batangas City Port this year. But it wishes to clarify that it did not issue an official statement to this effect.

Of particular concern to Philcemcor was the use of the word "puny" to describe the 200-day provisional tariff of P20.60/bag imposed by the Department of Trade and Industry on cement imports. Philcemcor has welcomed the imposition of the P20.60/bag tariff and lauded Trade Secretary Mar Roxas and the DTI for imposing it. In fact, the imposition of the P20.60/bag tariff helped level the playing field for local cement and was greatly responsible for the price stability of cement. Because of the P20.60/bag tariff, local cement now retails for as low as P125/bag.

The use of the word "puny" to describe an official act that has not only benefited the industry but also consumers, and attributing it to Philcemcor, is thus unfair. Perhaps a simple and straightforward narration that imported cement continues to enter the Philippines even after the imposition of the additional tariff would have served the purpose of reporting the news factually.

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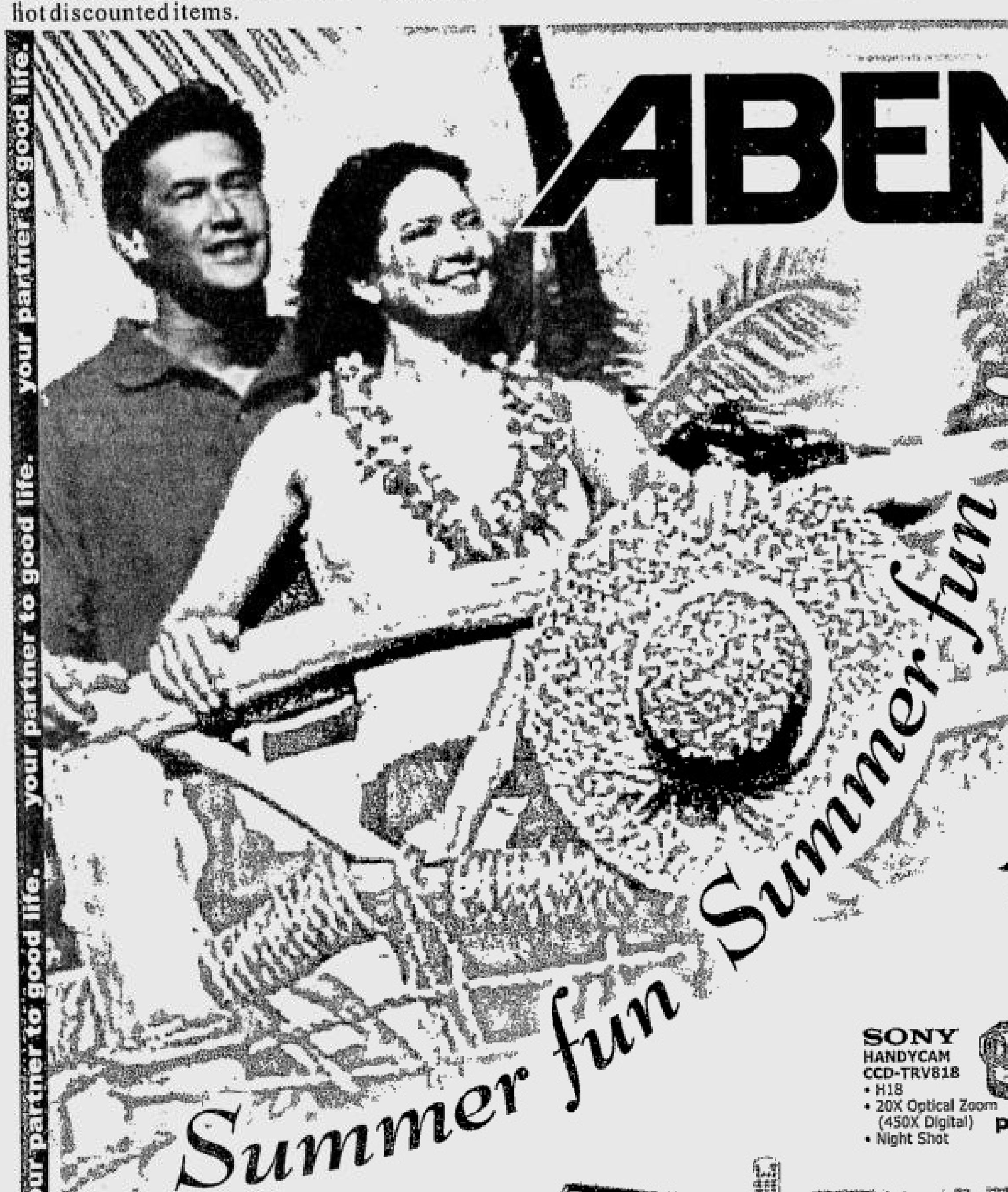

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Hindus burn sleeping Muslims to death

AHMADABAD, India—The Army moved onto the streets of this western Indian commercial capital on Friday after a Hindu mob burned 27 Muslims to death as they slept, bringing the death toll to 158 in two days of attacks on the religious minority.

The state's home secretary, K. Nityanandam, said the death toll had reached 158, and could go higher as the victims of the shantytown massacre were being pulled from the ashes of their huts.

Nityanandam said 1,200 people had been arrested since Thursday.

He said 900 soldiers were marching in the streets of Ahmadabad. But police said it was impossible to stop the widespread violence. Stone-throwing incidents took place in Ahmadabad and other cities, despite curfews. People continued to stream into hospitals, most for treatment of stab wounds, but also just for safety.

Bodies lay through the night where the victims fell, as gunfire and war cries were heard in the darkness. Survivors ventured out to collect their dead and seek treatment for their wounds when the sun rose.

Most of the Muslims in the shantytown of Narora, on the outskirts of Ahmadabad, had fled on Thursday, fearing they would be targets of the Hindu mobs that roamed the city as police watched, unwilling or unable to stop them.

Other Muslims remained sleeping in their huts, and were attacked at 2 a.m. by a mob of 300 Hindus who set fire to the shantytown, said Deputy Police Commissioner P.B. Gondya.

"We have recovered 27 charred bodies. The people were asleep when the incident happened," Gondya said.

Seven women and eight children were among the bodies recovered, he said, and 42 people were hospitalized, some of them with burns over 80 percent of their bodies.

The Hindu attacks were in retaliation for the deaths of 58 people, most of them Hindu nationalists, in a train carriage burned by a Muslim crowd on Wednesday in the small town of Godhra.

There were 14 children among the dead in the train fire and 42 were injured, with 20 requiring hospitalization for burns or smoke inhalation.

Police said 63 people had been arrested on charges of murder and attempted murder in Godhra.

Hindu nationalist leaders who called a statewide strike in Gujarat on Thursday, during which the riots took place, said the arrests were not enough. They blocked highways, searching cars for Muslims, barricaded streets and prevented firefighters from putting out the flames of burning Muslim properties.

Defense Minister George Fernandes flew to Ahmadabad on Friday.

Besides the 900 soldiers in Ahmadabad, 200 were posted in each of two other towns, said State Information Secretary Anil Mukim. *AP*

Nixon thought of nuking Vietnam

COLLEGE PARK, Maryland—Thinking big, President Richard Nixon raised the idea of using a nuclear bomb against North Vietnam in 1972, but Henry Kissinger quickly dismissed the notion.

"I'd rather use the nuclear bomb," Nixon told Kissinger, his national security adviser, a few weeks before he ordered a major escalation of the Vietnam War.

"That, I think, would just be too much," Kissinger replied softly in his baritone voice, in a conversation uncovered among 500 hours of Nixon tapes released Thursday.

Think big

Nixon responded matter-of-factly. "The nuclear bomb. Does that bother you?" he asked. Then he closed the subject by telling Kissinger: "I just want you to think big."

He also said "I don't give a damn" about civilians killed by US bombing.

That exchange in the Executive Office Building on April 25, 1972, is contained in the largest batch of tapes ever released by the National Archives. Altogether, roughly 1,700 of the 3,700 hours of Nixon White House tapes have now come out.

The war weighed heavily on Nixon's mind.

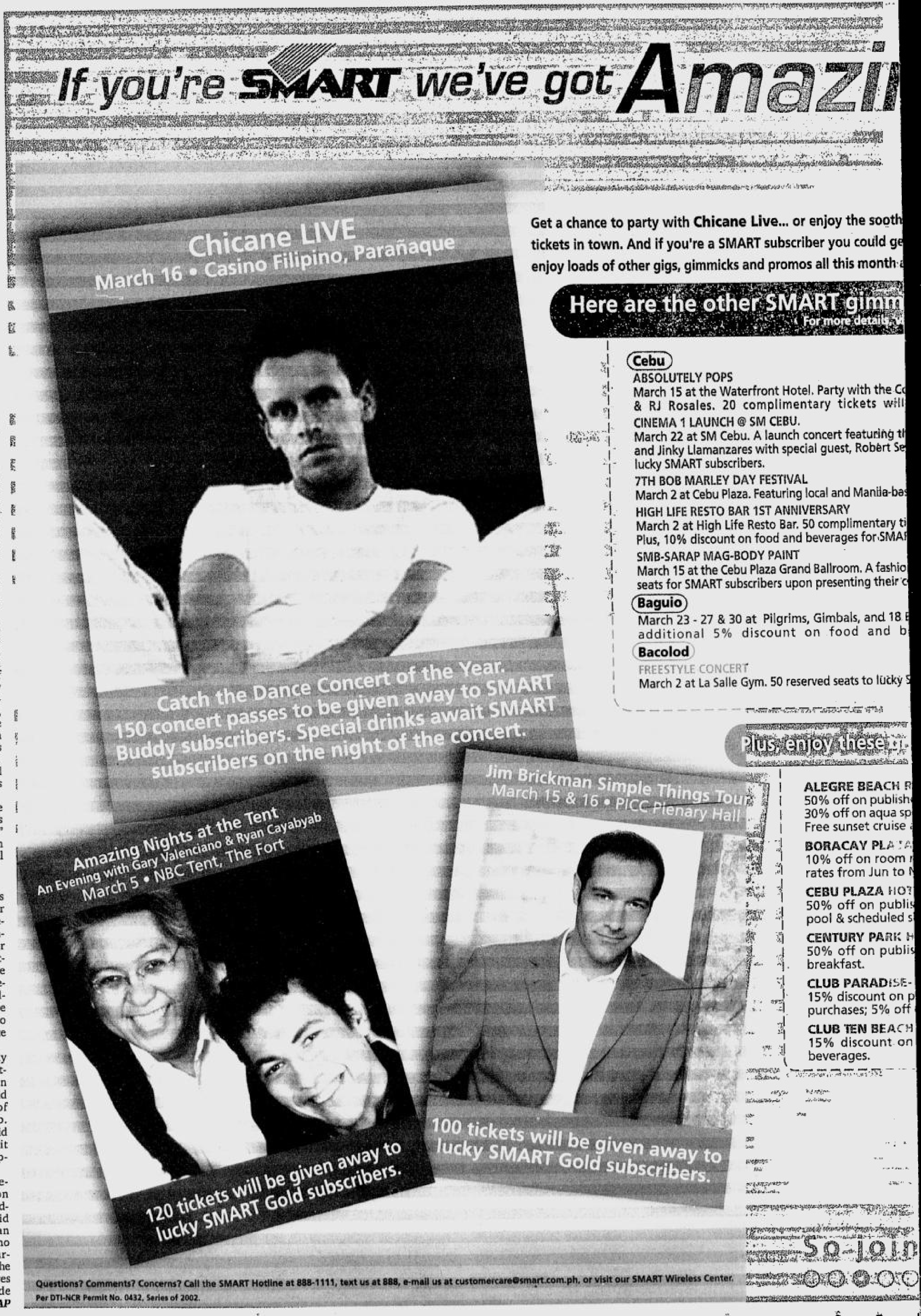
"We can't lose 50,000 Americans and lose this war," Nixon told comedian Bob Hope on April 15.

Frustration

Nixon's thoughts about the nuclear bomb could have reflected mere frustration with the war or been part of a strategy to make the North Vietnamese believe he was a madman and could not be restrained—and so they should negotiate peace.

"It was politically unacceptable," Vietnam historian Stanley Karnow said of the prospects of using the bomb. "Just because he said it doesn't mean it was really an option."

The tapes are replete with Nixon blurting out outlandish remarks, said Nixon historian Stanley Kutler, who clamped on earphones to listen to the tapes at the archives complex outside Washington. *AP*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13 Palestinians killed in raid

NABLUS, West Bank—Thirteen Palestinians and an Israeli soldier were killed Thursday as the Army raided two West Bank refugee camps, prompting Washington to urge Israel to exercise the "utmost restraint."

Backed by dozens of tanks, Israeli infantry units launched incursions into the Palestinian refugee camp of Balata, near the town of Nablus, and into Jenin camp, both of which are considered militant strongholds.

UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, in a statement, called on the Israeli Army to "withdraw immediately" from the camps. "I implore both sides to refrain from further actions which may endanger yet more civilian lives," he said.

The explosion of violence came as the Palestinian uprising entered its 18th month with militants threatening to open new fronts against Israel.

The deaths blighted hopes fueled by a Saudi initiative to end the conflict and dented efforts by Israeli and Palestinian security officials who met for a second consecutive day in a bid to defuse the tension.

The United States urged Israel to observe "the utmost restraint" and avoid harm to civilians, while the UN agency for Palestinian refugees UNRWA stressed "the obligation of Israeli military authorities to respect international law."

Israeli troops shot and fatally wounded five Palestinians during gun battles in Balata, including two teenagers, Mohammed Tantawi, 18, and Abed el-Helu, 17, security and hospital sources.

In an ongoing operation to hunt for suspected militants, the Army took over all entrances to the 20,000-strong Balata camp, Palestinian security sources said.

Elsewhere, six Palestinian police officers and a 64-year-old Palestinian civilian were killed in gun battles in Jenin in the northern West Bank, the sources added.

A Palestinian man was also reported to have been killed by Israeli fire in Nablus itself.

Thursday's deaths brought to 1,300 the number of people killed since the Palestinian intifada, or uprising, broke out in September 2000, including 995 Palestinians and 282 Israelis.

Some 80 people have been killed since Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz was quoted by the New York Times on Feb. 17 as favoring Arab recognition of Israel in return for a total Israel pullout from Arab land.

Israeli helicopters also opened fire on Aida refugee camp in the West Bank and the nearby village of Beit Jala, setting on fire the camp's power plant and leaving 3,000 refugees in the dark, Palestinian security sources said.

Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, an offshoot of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement, earlier said they had fired four mortar bombs from Beit Jala on the nearby east Jerusalem settlement of Gilo.

Two Israelis were wounded as Gilo also came under fire with automatic weapons, the Army said. Two Palestinians, including a 15-year-old boy, were injured in clashes in the nearby district of Al-Khader. *AFP*

SMOKES rises over the West Bank city of Beit Jala after Israeli helicopter gunships fired on targets in the city during a heavy exchange of fire between Palestinian gunmen and Israeli troops Feb. 28.

REUTERS

1 in 10 in world 60, older, says UN

UNITED NATIONS—The world's population is aging rapidly with the percentage of people over 60 expected to double in the next 50 years, according to new UN statistics.

The older population is itself aging, and currently the oldest of the old—the group 80 or older—is the fastest growing of the elderly, making up 12 percent of those over 60, said a UN Population Division study released Thursday.

The number celebrating their 100th birthdays will be 15 times higher at midcentury than today, the study said.

Unprecedented

"This is unprecedented in human history," Joseph Chamie, director of the UN Population Division, told a news conference launching the study. "The changes that are going on are not paralleled in any century before the 20th century."

Today, one in 10 people in the global population of 6.1 billion is 60 or older (629 million people). In 2050, it will be one in five (2 billion people), and by 2150, one in three, the survey projected.

By contrast, it noted that in 1950, just 8 percent of the population was 60 or older, compared to 10 percent today.

In 2050, the number of people over 60 will outnumber children—defined as those up to 14 years of age, the study projected.

Fertility down

"Demographically, we are living in an age that is without precedent. It affects everyone, all regions of the world, every country," Chamie said. "Its implications are profound with an impact on economic growth, savings, labor markets and pensions."

Chamie said the reasons for increasing longevity are declining fertility, declining mortality, and people living longer. Women and men have decided on the spacing of children and are choosing to have smaller families, he said.

"We are getting greater and improved control over birth and death," Chamie said. *AP*

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Samar cop chief, town's entire police force sacked after raid

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TACLOBAN CITY--The Police Regional Office in Eastern Visayas (PRO-8) relieved the entire police force in Motiong town, Samar and the province's police director following Thursday's raid by the New People's Army rebels on the coastal town that left two policemen dead and one seriously wounded.

Chief Supt. Nardito Yoro, PRO-8 director, named Supt. Conrado Calvario as the new Samar police director, replacing Senior Supt. Felipe Portacio.

"I found that (Portacio) was very lax in his job. Despite the repeated warnings for him to be always on alert, he did not heed the advice," Yoro told the INQUIRER.

He said the PRO-8 intelligence division had repeatedly warned Portacio since January to place all his units on red alert for possible NPA attacks.

All police stations and field units in Eastern Visayas have been told to anticipate any possible attack because the NPA is set to observe its founding anniversary on March 29.

Yoro also ordered the relief of the entire police force of Motiong including its police chief, Senior Insp. Isidro Acaylar.

He said Acaylar and his 12 men were placed under investigation to "determine the extent of their liability."

Acaylar was not in the police station when the NPA rebels conducted the raid at 5:10 a.m. on Thursday. Killed were SPO3 Jaime Roldan and PO3 Domingo Matados, who engaged the rebels in a 30-minute firefight.

Wounded was SPO1 Casimero Pegtuan, who was a few meters away from the municipal building when the rebels opened fire.

The rebels then escaped with 10 M-16 rifles, three M-14 rifles, a shotgun, three 9 mm pistols, three hand grenades and several rounds of ammunition. These were taken from the police station and from several homes in the town that the rebels entered. The rebels disarmed some policemen who were inside their houses.

Yoro immediately conducted an investigation of the Motiong attack. He found that Portacio and the local police force failed to strengthen their defense system.

He said Portacio also failed to regularly visit and inspect the Motiong police station even if the Provincial Police Office is just 18 kilometers away. The PPO headquarters and the Army's 8th Infantry Division are based in Catbalogan, Samar's capital town.

Thursday's raid was the second to be successfully conducted by NPA rebels in Samar under the term of Portacio as the police provincial chief.

In mid-November last year, the rebels raided the interior town of San Jose de Buan, where they took hostage two policemen and two civilians. The policemen were, however, released later but the civilians were killed.

Taken during that raid were three M-16 Armalite rifles, six rifle grenades, four long magazines and 15 short magazines for M-16 rifles, a caliber .30 revolver and several rounds of ammunition.

The latest attack on Motiong appeared to be a show of both manpower and firepower on the part of the NPA guerrillas who first had a formation and roll call near the municipal building before they left Motiong about two hours after the initial volley of gunfire.

Some residents estimated that there were about 200 NPA rebels, including around 70 who stormed the police station.

The rebels escaped through a barangay road just across the highway, which leads to the interior villages of the sixth-class municipality.

The police mobile group immediately sent a reinforcement team to Motiong town shortly after the attack. But it took the team some two hours to reach Motiong due to threats of an ambush from an NPA blocking force.

In nearby Paranas town, about six kilometers south of Motiong, a claymore mine exploded seconds after a Hammer vehicle of the police mobile force passed the road near the Paranas Cemetery. Three other landmines were reportedly recovered by the police in the area.

A pursuit operation was immediately launched on Thursday morning both by the military and the police. So far, there had been no report of any sightings of the fleeing rebels.

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2 fires on eve of anti-fire month kill 6

CEBU CITY--Two persons were killed and 127 families were rendered homeless when a fire broke out on Tuesday in a densely populated area in Barangay T. Padilla in this city.

The victims, identified as Lina Sinahon, 33 and Marivic Ilustrisimo, 13, were sleeping when the fire broke out at 3:43 p.m. on Feb. 28, the eve of the start of the Fire Prevention Month.

In Olongapo City, also on the eve of Fire Prevention Month, four children were killed and 78 people were left homeless in a fire that gutted a slum.

The Monteverde siblings Princess Anna, 12; Christine Kaye, 7; Jessica, 4; and Vincent Joshua, one year old, were left alone in their house in Barangay West Bajac-Bajac while their parents went out to look for money, the INQUIRER learned.

The fire broke out at 11:30 p.m. while residents of 18th and Caron Streets in Barangay West Bajac-Bajac were asleep, said Gene Eclarino, Olongapo City social welfare chief.

The Monteverdes were the only children of couple Edwin and Annie Monteverde.

The elder Monteverde said the four children were already dead from suffocation when firemen and a rescue team arrived.

All 15 houses in the neighborhood were razed and the 18 families living there failed to save their belongings.

It was the first major fire that hit Olongapo since January, he said.

Fire officials estimated the damage at P1.5 million.

In Cebu, Rosa Sinahon said her daughter Lina, one of the fatalities in the fire, was mentally unstable after she was gang-raped at the age of 15.

When the fire broke out, Rosa said, her children immediately went out of their house except for Lina. Rosa was not in the house at that time.

Raul Ilustrisimo said her daughter Marivic was also sleeping on the second floor of his house when the fire broke out from the house.

He said he became too preoccupied with saving his family members and some belongings that he forgot about Marivic.

When he finally remembered Marivic, Raul said he tried to go back to the house to rescue her. But it was too late because the blaze had already engulfed the entire house.

The charred bodies of Marivic and Lina were found Tuesday night, said SFO3 Allan Arciaga, chief investigator of the Cebu City Fire Department.

Arciaga said the fire started from the house of Edward Empenado where a three-year-old child was reported to have been playing with matches.

But Arciaga said this has yet to be confirmed because he had yet to talk to the Empenados to get their account on what happened.

He said he also heard reports that some children were playing computer games inside Empenado's house, which reportedly triggered an electrical short circuit.

Data from the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) showed the fire destroyed 76 houses, rendering 127 families or 640 individuals homeless.

Councilor Gerardo Carillo said the city government will provide relief assistance to the fire victims who would also be given construction materials so they could rebuild their homes. ***Jhunnex Napallacan, PDI Visayas Bureau and Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk***

Gay community asks LGUs to back pro-homosexual bills

BAGUIO CITY—Gays and lesbians here are asking local officials to support the Magna Carta for Gays and Lesbians filed by Aurora Rep. Bellaflor Angara-Castillo.

"There is no ordinance or proposal anywhere in the Philippines from local government units that focused on the rights of gays and lesbians. Local government units tend to forget us, these officials give you a glance only during elections," Dane Ducayag, a member of the Gays and Lesbians for the Immediate Tsugi of Erap (Galit-Erap), told the INQUIRER.

Manila Archbishop Jaime Cardinal Sin and Manila Auxiliary Bishop Socrates Villegas have opposed Angara-Castillo's bill, saying its provisions are against the Christian faith and against Filipino culture.

Sin frowned on the bill's "domestic partnership" provision that appears to allow same-sex marriages.

But Angara-Castillo maintained that her bill does not advocate same-sex marriage. She said the bill aims to protect the rights of homosexuals and prevent discrimination against them.

Julie Palaganas, a member of the Innabuyog-Lesbond (Lesbians for National Democracy), assailed Catholic Church leaders for supposedly branding gays and lesbians as "immoral."

"If we are branded as being immoral because we are lesbians, we want to ask the Catholic Church about the meaning of immorality. For us, immorality can describe as those people who are in power who cannot dispense justice to victims of human rights violations," she said.

She added: "Those who keep Filipinos impoverished are the ones who are immoral. It is so sad that (it is) the Catholic Church that spreads the shallow and backward views on gays and lesbians. It is also sad that Cardinal Sin ridicules this sector to the extent of lambasting initiatives to protect (the rights of) gays and lesbians when the church is emphatic in (teaching about) love and compassion," Palaganas said. ***Desiree Caluza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau***

Satur says NPAs lumped with crime syndicates

LUCENA CITY—Bayan Muna Rep. Satur Ocampo, a former spokesperson of the communist-led National Democratic Front, has denied accusations that the New People's Army is now involved in kidnap-for-ransom operations.

"There are lots of possibilities. If the government would now lump these groups as NPAs, it's misrepresentation. That's black propaganda," Ocampo said.

The leftist legislator gave a pointer to distinguish the fake from the real McCoy: "If the letter that supposedly comes from the revolutionary movement contains threatening undertones of kidnapping and killing, the sender is not (a) genuine revolutionary group."

Luis Jalandoni, NDF peace panel chair, said the current attempt of the Macapagal administration to make the NPA the scapegoat for rampant crime "is a clear indication that current police officials will continue to protect the kidnap-for-ransom gangs and cover up their own connections with these gangs."

He claimed that kidnappings for ransom have escalated because some of the highest officials of the police either operate or are in cahoots with the criminal syndicates specializing in this crime.

Ocampo recalled that during the 1980s, Joey de Leon's group, a renegade group from the NPA, had been engaged in similar criminal activities.

But he quickly clarified that the group had long been booted out of the revolutionary movement.

"Some traitors and renegades have been kicked out of the NPA over the years," Jalandoni said in a statement.

He added that from the measly ranks of NPA outcasts, police have recruited intelligence assets that police officers use as criminal operatives for their personal gains.

"The crimes of PNP officers and their recruits should not be ascribed to the NPA. The NPA should be lauded for kicking out renegades and traitors to the revolutionary cause," Jalandoni said.

He claimed that military and police officers operate as gangsters and get their share from crimes. ***Delfin Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau***

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: The Eastern sections of Luzon and Visayas will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers. The rest of the country will be partly cloudy with isolated rainshowers.

SOURCE: **PAGASA**

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Legazpi	Cloudy with Rains	Hi 30° Lo 22°
Calapan	Partly Cloudy	Hi 31° Lo 22°
Iloilo/Bacolod	Partly Cloudy	Hi 32° Lo 24°
Roxas	Partly Cloudy	Hi 31° Lo 24°
Cebu	Partly Cloudy	Hi 31° Lo 24°
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Davao	Partly Cloudy	Hi 32° Lo 24°

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ROUNDUP

NPA disarms guards

DAVAO CITY—The New People's Army on Thursday said its members in Maco, Compostela Valley seized various high-powered firearms from the security forces of Apex Mining Co. on Tuesday. Rigoberto Sanchez, spokesperson of the NPA's Medardo Arce Command said in a statement that no shot was fired during the blitz. Among the weapons they confiscated were an M-60 machine-gun, a 30-cal. machine-gun, two M-14 rifles, five M-16 armalite rifles and a Garand rifle. Sanchez said the raid was in response to "numerous complaints of harassments, threats and abuses perpetrated by the company goons."
Anthony Allada, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Man kills mother, self

CAMP OLIVAS, Pampanga—A man killed himself after shooting and killing his mother in Barangay San Matias in Sta. Rita town on Feb. 25. Police said Francis Dicuangco, 29, a former patient at the Mariveles Mental Hospital, shot his mother Leticia, 54, while she was watching TV in their house. Dicuangco then went to his room and shot himself in the head. ***Jun Malig; PDI Central Luzon Desk***

Charity clinic opens

DAGUPAN CITY—The Caritas Dagupan, the charity arm of the Archdiocese of Lingayen-Dagupan, will open on March 4 the Charity Specialty Clinic here to cater to poor residents in the diocese. Lingayen-Dagupan Archbishop Oscar Cruz said the clinic, which will be open from Monday to Friday, will have 30 doctors and specialists who will offer their services for free. Cruz said patients who will need further treatment would be referred to the Stella Maris Hospital in Binmaley town that is also being run by the Archdiocese of Lingayen-Dagupan.
Yolanda Fuertes, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

6 wanted men fall

CALAMBA CITY—Six criminals in the Southern Tagalog region fell into the hands of the police, said Chief Supt. Domingo Reyes Jr., PNP regional director. Reyes identified the two suspects arrested on Feb. 22 as Jonathan Coper, 22, and his brother Manuel, 26, both of Siniloan, Laguna. Both were involved in highway robbery and car theft in the Quezon-Laguna border and Rizal, Reyes said. Agaton Fajardo, 33, the No. 1 most wanted man here, was arrested on Feb. 25 for kidnapping with murder, double murder and illegal possession of firearm. The three other suspects arrested on Feb. 26 are Junjun Andan, 20; Conre Andan, 23, and Arjay Arguelles, 16.
Romulo Ponte, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

NBI agent nabbed

CALAMBA CITY—Police arrested on Feb. 25 a National Bureau of Investigation civilian agent for the murder of a certain Guillermo Ramos. Police said Danilo Raquero, 50, was arrested at a checkpoint in Antipolo City. Seized from Raquero were a 9 mm machine pistol, a 9 mm pistol and a .357 magnum believed to be the fatal gun in the murder. The suspect could not present documents for the firearms in his possession, except for the .357 magnum, police said.
Romulo Ponte, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Bicol ups palay harvest

PILI, Camarines Sur—The agriculture sector in Bicol performed well last year, according to the yearend report of the Department of Agriculture Bicol office based in Barangay San Agustin here. The region's total 212,801 hectares of rice farms produced 781,679 metric tons of palay. The report said the use of certified seeds increased the regional average yield of 3.8 metric tons per hectare to 4.3 metric tons in irrigated areas and from 3.5 metric tons to 3.9 metric tons per hectare in rain-fed areas.
Juan Escandor Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

More girls raped

TACLOBAN CITY—At least 15 girls aged 17 to 4 years old were raped in Eastern Visayas in January, records at the Philippine National Police showed. Majority of the perpetrators were below 18 and committed the acts in the victims' own homes, the records showed. Of the 15 rape cases, eight were incestuous and the rest were perpetrated by the victims' acquaintances. Most of the victims were from Leyte. Only 5 of the 15 suspects were arrested.
Cynthia Borgueta, PDI Visayas Bureau

Bohol town cited

INABANGA, Bohol—The Inabanga municipality received a coastal resource management (CRM) citation in recognition of its efforts to give flesh to its environmental programs. This municipality was recognized for accomplishing "Level 1 benchmarks of performance in coastal resource management." The CRM certification level 1 means the acceptance of CRM as a basic service of municipal or city governments in planning and operations.
Chito Fuentes, PDI Visayas Bureau

General appeals: 'Put aside' piggyback ride controversy

By Connie E. Fernandez
PDI Visayas Bureau

CEBU CITY—Air Force Gen. Marciano Ilagan appealed to his detractors to "put aside" the controversy over his being carried ashore piggyback by a fisherman in Negros Oriental, saying "there are more important things" that should be talked about.

Ilagan, Tactical Operations Command chief based at the Mactan Benito Ebuen Airbase (MBEAB) in Mactan, Cebu, refused to accept calls made by the INQUIRER Thursday through his cellular phone.

He, however, replied to a text message sent by the INQUIRER, asking for his side to the piggyback ride controversy.

"I think we should now put this matter aside since several explanations have been made. Let us focus on more important things," Ilagan said in his text message to the INQUIRER.

Ilagan was criticized after he was photographed on Sunday being carried piggyback by a boatman in knee-deep waters while an American soldier strode nearby.

The photographs were taken at a memorial service at sea for the 10 American servicemen who died during Friday's crash of a US Chinook helicopter in the waters off Zamboanguita town, Negros Oriental.

The Air Force spokesperson, Maj. Arturo Orticio, called the incident an example of a "genuine Filipino tradition . . . showing our hospitality."

He said the piggyback ride was offered to important guests during the memorial service. But he admitted that American soldier Sgt. Michael Farris turned down the offer and instead chose to wade into the knee-deep water.

Top Armed Forces officials came to Ilagan's defense, saying the incident was a non-issue.

"It's not an issue. I does not take off (Ilagan's) combat commandership," said Armed Forces Chief of Staff Diomedo Villanueva on Tuesday.

He told reporters that Ilagan's decision to ride on the back of somebody "who did not want the feet of the general to get wet" did not lessen the effectiveness of the Air Force general as a commander.

Brig. Gen. Edilberto Adan, Armed Forces spokesperson, appealed to reporters to focus on Ilagan's effort to recover Americans who died in the helicopter crash, and not on his "small mistake."

He said Ilagan organized and oversaw the search and rescue operations for three days until it was terminated on Monday when the US military officials gave up hope of finding survivors.

What he did during the recovery and search operations for our fallen American comrades is what should be looked at, not that small mistake," he said.

Ilagan stayed in Dumaguete from Friday to Monday to oversee the search and rescue operations.

Villanueva and Adan were among the military officials who attended the memorial service for the 10 American servicemen at the hangar of the MBEAB in Mactan.

Ilagan, however, was not at the memorial service. The INQUIRER was told that he was in Zamboanga City to meet his men.

The United States government formally started on Wednesday its investigation of the crash.

A six-member team of American military investigators made a quick visit to Dumaguete City to examine the recovered debris of their ill-fated aircraft from the waters off Zamboanguita.

The team from the US Army Safety Center in Fort Rucker, Alabama, headed by a Major Cumbie, flew in from Manila at 9:30 a.m. on board a US C-12 civilian twin-engine aircraft.

They were met at the airport by Lt. William Jewett, the head of the American team participating in the search and recovery operations and Chief Insp. Rey Lyndon Lawas, Dumaguete police chief.

"They took notes, took some pictures and discussed some of the debris that they saw and instructed us to pack it up and ship it out," said M/Sgt. Mike Farris, spokesperson of the US search and recovery team based in Dumaguete.

Napocor unions ask GMA to appoint career exec

BAGUIO CITY—Union leaders of the National Power Corp. (Napocor) are asking President Macapagal-Arroyo to appoint a career man as the Napocor's next president, documents obtained by the INQUIRER showed.

Three regional chapters of the Napocor Employees and Workers Union (Newu) sent to Malacañang letters of support for Rolando Quilala, acting Napocor president, following the resignation of Jesus Alcordo, said James Salman, Newu president for Northern Luzon.

He said some officials have been pushing for three private company executives to replace Alcordo, "so they can manage the sale of Napocor and its assets."

"There is still money in the debt-ridden state firm because it will mean big bucks for whoever controls its sale. Each plant is worth its share in gold and the unions want to make sure (that) the sale at least is transparent enough," Salman said in Filipino.

The Newu chapter unions and the supervisors' union, Napocor Employees Consolidated Union (Necu), led the opposition to the controversial omnibus power reform bill in 2000, which Congress passed last year.

Salman said Quilala's career path—from a plant laborer to company vice president—would be enough "deterrent" to a "stage-managed" auction of Napocor and its multibillion-peso assets.

He said Quilala would guarantee Napocor employees "a favorable exit and absorption program" once the state firm is privatized.

"(The) government had not been forthright about our fates. We have been receiving rumors that we would all be retrenched at the end of this year. Alcordo tried to sell a Napocor restructuring package that would have dissolved the Napocor regional offices before the sale, and force our retrenchments early," he said.

Alcordo wanted to re-group Napocor's Generation Companies (Gencos) and a National Transmission Co. (Transco) under a Napocor Luzon-Visayas group and a Napocor Mindanao group, "but the Napocor board of directors thumbed it down," Salman said.

He said this scheme would have forced the retirement of 2,000 employees and ease the sale of the Napocor to investors, "who were worried about absorbing state workers." ***Vincent Cabreza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau***

Immigration chief firm on jailing 116 Chinese poachers held in Palawan

By Jofelle P. Tesorio
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PUERTO PRINCESA CITY—Immigration Commissioner Andrea Domingo remained firm in her position to jail the 116 Chinese poachers held recently in Tubbataha Reef and Balabac Island, Palawan.

Domingo personally came to the province to check on the status of the Chinese.

She said that even if the Chinese Embassy asks her not to file charges because of diplomatic reasons, she will not accede to it.

She has ordered an increase in the administrative fine of each Chinese poacher to P50,000, aside from the seizure of fishing paraphernalia, which will be made soon.

"I think the Chinese Embassy will not be too aggressive now. This is not the first time the Chinese fishermen were caught. They no longer have the face to show us. We would not be lenient on them," she said.

The commissioner said she is surprised because until now, a month after the Bureau of Immigration filed cases against the Chinese, Consul General Zu Tao Ying has not come to her.

"Maybe she (has realized) that they don't have moral leverage and even diplomatic cause," she added.

Aside from the administrative fine, Domingo said they are still studying payment for the damage caused by the poachers' plunder of the environment.

The Chinese were caught with explosives and chemicals used for illegal fishing and catching endangered species.

The commissioner also met with Gov. Joel Reyes and Provincial Committee on Illegal Entrants chair Major General Carranza.

They agreed that the four Chinese vessels would not be given clearance until the fines are paid and the sentence, if the Chinese are convicted, is served.

"From the information we gathered, it's okay for them that the fishermen be held as long as the vessels are released because the owners could easily find other crew members," Domingo said.

Even if the Department of Foreign Affairs steps into the picture, Domingo said the Chinese poachers have to learn their lessons.

The commissioner said she believes that the case is not a matter of diplomatic relations anymore.

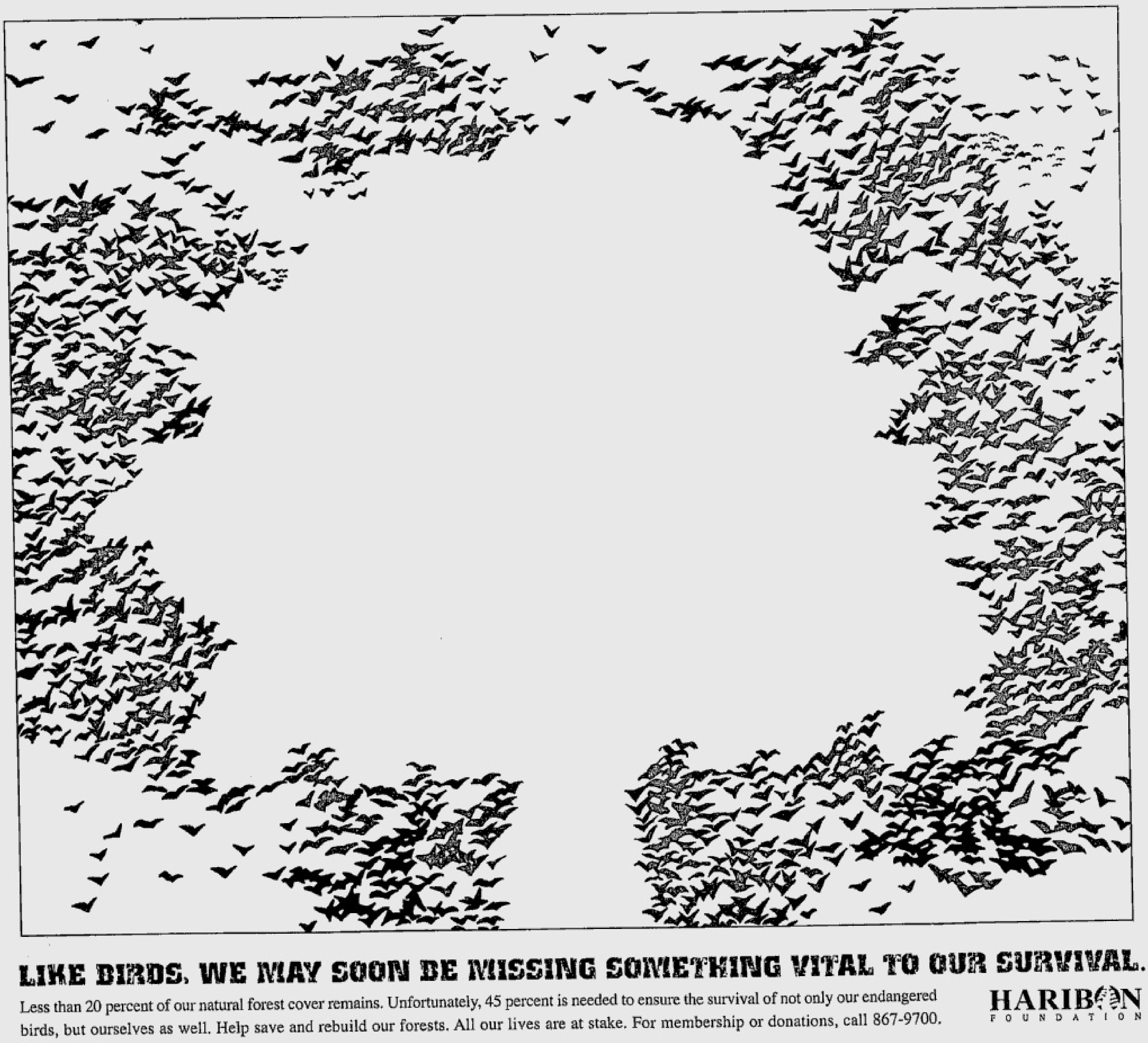
She said that it is very clear that the Chinese were not innocent when they entered Philippine territory. Four of them, she said, already knew that Tubbataha Reef is a protected area.

PCIE records show that there have been 13 apprehensions involving Chinese nationals since 1995.

Even foreigners or illegal aliens found harboring the poachers will be charged, Domingo said.

She ordered provincial jail warden Ramon Espina to arrest the two vessel captains who were out on bail on criminal charges.

The House Committee on Foreign Affairs will conduct an inquiry today to tackle the issue on illegal entry and poaching.



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War over 'ginamos' grips 2 towns

By Ma. Diosa Labiste
Iloilo City

THE DISPUTE over territorial waters between Oton and Tigbauan towns is as intense as its cause—'*ginamos*' or shrimp paste with the smell that heavily clings in the air.

Oton, seven kilometers from Iloilo City, has accused Tigbauan of illegal fishing and encroaching on its territorial waters when catching the tiny and translucent shrimps (Scientific name: *Acetes sp*), locally known as "hipon," that are processed into 'ginamos' or "bagoong alamang."

On the other hand, Tigbauan, 22 kilometers from Iloilo City, accused Oton of depriving thousands of coastal villages of traditional livelihood by banning the fishing of *hipon*.

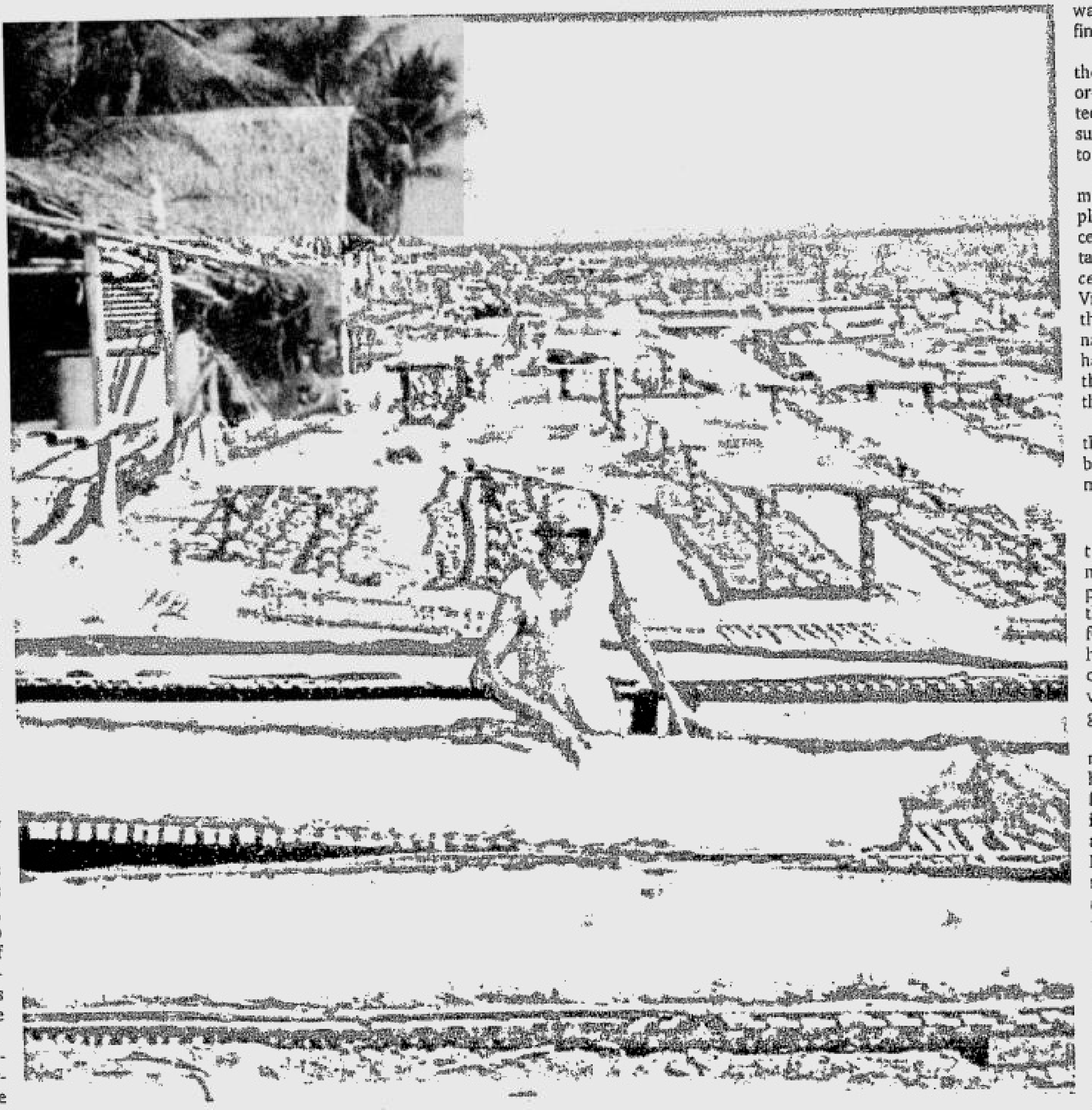
Ginamos and dried *hipon* feed the local and foreign markets.

To prevent the row from erupting into a bloody dispute, the town mayors moved fast to make a compromise.

Mayors Carina Flores of Oton and Myrna Torres of Tigbauan recently signed a memorandum of agreement that temporarily lifted Oton's ban on catching *hipon* until March 2002, two months earlier than the close of its season.

Signed by Flores and Torres last Feb. 4, the agreement states that after the end of March, Tigbauan fishing operators who stray into the territorial waters of Oton have to remove their structures and stop all fishing activities using the banned filter or fine mesh nets.

Meanwhile, local fishery officials led by the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources are closely watching the situation for fear that the dispute may deteriorate into a peace and order problem.



MATS of *ginamos* is spread under the sun to dry.

Migration path

The waters off Oton and Tigbauan are said to be on the migration path of *hipon*. *Hipon* migrate in huge schools from November to May.

The town officials of Oton can afford to ban the fishing of *hipon* since shrimp harvest is not the town's main source of income. Oton fishers concentrate on snaring blue crabs and catching fish that feed on *hipon*.

But for Tigbauan, *hipon* is a thriving multimillion-peso industry. Fishers catch *hipon* by dragging the fine mesh net from the motor banca ("strolling") and by using stationary filter nets ("saludan") installed some seven kilometers offshore.

> '. . . Oton can afford to ban the fishing of *hipon* since shrimp harvest is not the town's main source of income'

A box of *hipon* sells from P500 to P1,000, depending on the quality, and a fisherman can have five to 25 boxes in one day.

During *hipon* season, at least 500 vendors, mostly women, await on the shore at dawn ready with the bamboo baskets. Class A *hipon* are dried and shipped for export to Japan and Taiwan. The rest are made into *ginamos*, a condiment that perks up cooked dishes as well as slices of green mangoes.

"Strolling" is so named because a boat with a huge searchlight goes around until it locates a school of *hipon*. It uses filter nets to scoop *hipon*. The net is about three to five meters long and is lowered by a bamboo boom.

"Saludan," is a huge conical balloon, at least 30 meters long, installed three meters from the seabed and fastened to coconut trunks. The net at the mouth has a weave three inches in diameter but grows smaller than the required three centimeters toward the end of the cone.

Conflicting interests

The Oton municipal government bans the use of fine mesh nets, thus effectively prohibiting use of the "saludan" and "strolling" methods within its territorial waters. The town's fishermen objected to the use of the two fishing methods because they indiscriminately catch young fish.

"Saludan" and "strolling" are meanwhile allowed in Tigbauan, where scores of "saludan" are installed in its waters, mostly by members of the Tigbauan Owners Operators and Vendors Association (TIFOOVA).

Tigbauan fishers have insisted that *hipon* constitutes 80 to 90 percent of their catch. But Oton fishermen said the shrimp catch of Tigbauan fishermen would sometimes be less than 70 percent of their total catch. The rest of what they caught are young fish, Oton fishermen claimed.

Oton fishermen said there are 10 *saludans* within their town's waters and they wanted these structures dismantled.

But the TIFOOVA believed that Oton has erred in marking off its territorial waters through a municipal ordinance passed in October 2000.

Tigbauan Councilor Rexfel Trivilegio, also a member of the TIFOOVA's board of director, said that the delineation was made without the representatives of his town. He added that the 10 *saludans* happen to sit in the contested area that has strong current favorable to catching *hipon*.

Oton earlier wrote the National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (Namria) to step in. But when the Namria failed to respond, the town proceeded with the delineation of its municipal waters using an administrative map of Iloilo province issued in September 1990.

In January, five Tigbauan fishermen were arrested by the Oton Bantay Dagat (seawatch patrol) for allegedly fishing within the waters of the town. They were fined by the court.

Mayor Flores of Oton said that the delineation and fishery law ordinances were crafted to protect the town's coastal waters that suffer from diminishing catch due to overfishing.

The town, which has 15 kilometers of coastline, used to supply fish to Iloilo City and adjacent towns. It was once the capital of the *kapis* shell (*Placuna placenta*) industry in Western Visayas but wanton extraction of the shells destroyed the shells' natural beds. The last abundant harvest of *kapis* was in 1987 and the bivalve disappeared since then.

"The fishers in Oton pushed for the enactment of the ordinances because they want to protect our marine resources," said Flores.

Moratorium

Flores said the moratorium on the banning of "saludan" was made after Tigbauan fishermen pleaded that they have to recoup the P5,000 to P10,000 they spent for each structure this season. She hoped that after March, her town could proceed with its fish conservation and rehabilitation program.

Trivilegio said that Oton's move would affect the livelihood source of thousands of fishermen and their families in Tigbauan. He said his town awaits the opinion of the BFAR to certify whether or not "saludan" and "strolling" are destructive and therefore illegal.

Zarina Cullo, officer-in-charge of the Iloilo provincial fisheries office, said that the BFAR, together with Bantay Dagat members of both towns, are set to inspect what the gears' yield would be to see if they do not indiscriminately catch young fish.

Cullo explained that "saludan" is a traditional gear solely meant to catch *hipon* and it only becomes destructive if it captures fish species like "aloy," a member of the tuna family, and "bilong-bilong" (moonfish), that are abundant in the area.

Cullo said the BFAR has also requested the Namria to come and preside over another delineation of the municipal waters of the two towns. She said that identifying the boundaries would help in the enforcement of local fishery ordinances and also in the conservation efforts of the local government units.

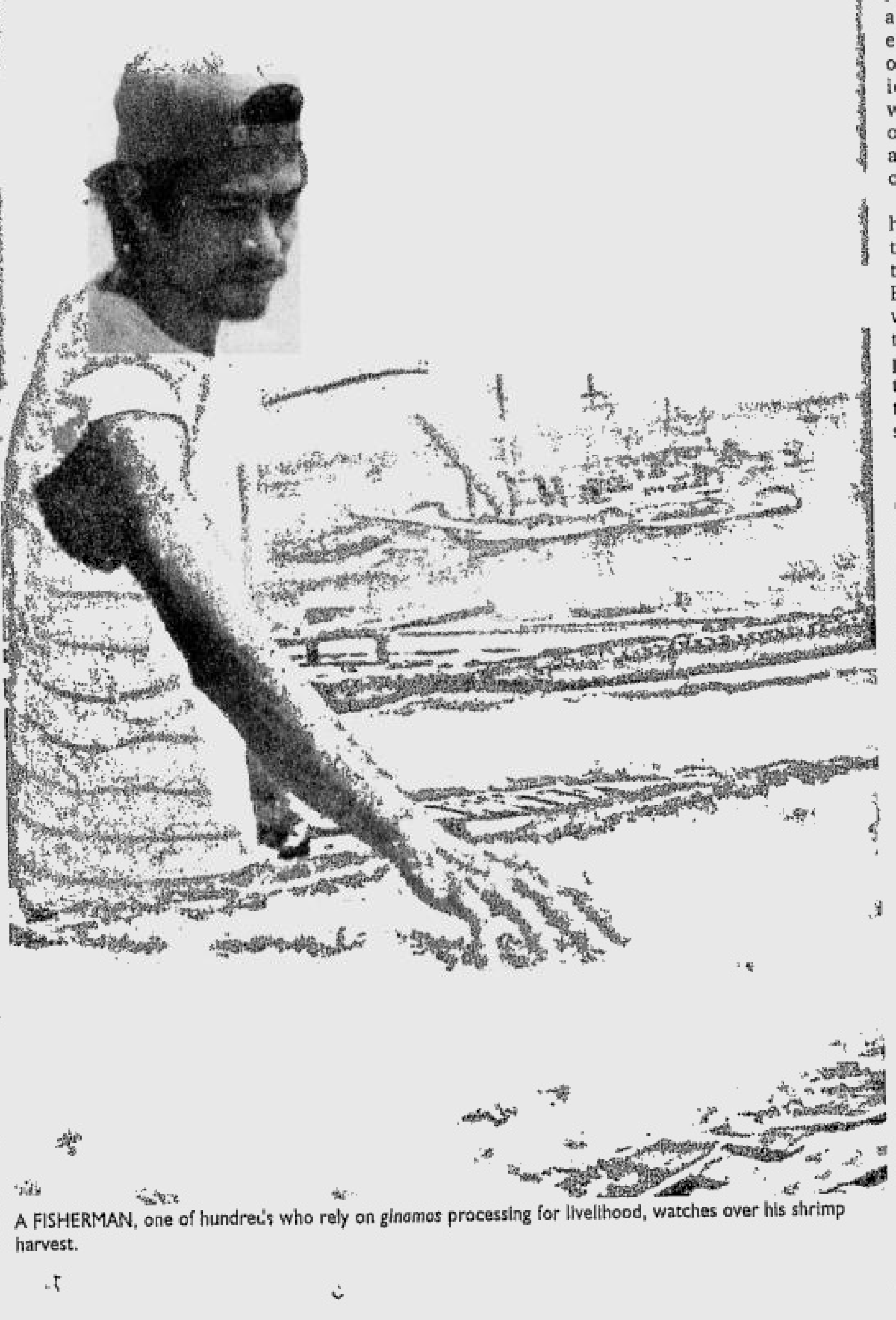
Iloilo Gov. Niel Tupas Sr. has also stepped in to diffuse the tension between the two towns. He recently called Flores and Torres to a meeting where the two mayors agreed to settle their sea border dispute out of court and continue their cooperation to revive their coastal fisheries resources.

Solution in sight?

Flores said that the row between her town and Tigbauan might soon be resolved when she and Torres, along with mayors in the towns of Guimbal, Miagao and San Joaquin, sign the Southern Iloilo Coastal Resource Management Agreement.

The agreement, brokered by the College of Fisheries of the University of the Philippines in the Visayas, aims to protect the coastal waters of southern Iloilo, which used to be one of the most productive and diversified marine ecosystems in Western Visayas. Years of overfishing, destruction of coral reefs, conversion of mangrove areas and illegal fishing, among others, caused the fish stock and other marine products to decline significantly.

The agreement proposes the establishment of fish conservation measures like artificial coral reefs, fish sanctuaries and alternative livelihood activities that would rehabilitate the degraded fishing ground.



A FISHERMAN, one of hundreds who rely on *ginamos* processing for livelihood, watches over his shrimp harvest.

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An ailing Army and a general who doesn't want his shoes wet

BREAK AWAY
Ivan P. Suansing

MAYBE, it's a non-issue to Armed Forces Chief of Staff Gen. Diomedio Villanueva, but the striking image will haunt the military establishment for a long time.

During a program for victims of the Chinook crash off the shores of Negros Oriental last Sunday, a top Philippine Air Force official was photographed piggybacking on a fisherman as the American representative waded in knee-deep water.

The photo, which Tactical Operations Command (TOC) chief Brig. Gen. Marciano Ilagan would rather forget, drew instant fire from Davao City Rep. Prospero Nograles.

"Couldn't he swim? Was he afraid of getting his shoes wet?" asked Nograles, a member of the powerful House defense committee.

> 'Often one doesn't only have to do things right, but he has to be perceived to be doing things right as well'

The photo, more than its failure to neutralize a few dozens of Basilan bandits, exposed the Philippine military to international ridicule.

It suggests that local soldiers shun the dirty work, preferring to look good than toil in the trenches. It hints at a mentality of dependence, if not the inability to do things without the help of others.

Images are powerful in that they shape perception. Often one doesn't only have to do things right, but he has to be perceived to be doing things right as well.

Poor General Ilagan. He might have unwittingly demonstrated what has been ailing the military all this time.

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DIRTY MONEY. If Col. Victor Corpus is looking for a specific example to hammer home his warning on the evil of narco-politics, he better look at the so-called "Triad drug case" now being heard in a Cebu court.

The main pillars of the criminal justice system—the police, the prosecution and the judiciary—have been tainted with allegations of bribery.

The three persons accused in the case, alleged couriers of a Hong Kong drug syndicate, alleged that their police captors demanded P1.5 million to let them off the hook by tampering with pieces of evidence—more than 300 grams of shabu.

A woman prosecutor squealed on a lawyer linked to the defense team who left P10,000 on her table "to fix the case." The same lawyer, an Integrated Bar of the Philippines-Cebu officer, boasted that they had won the judge to their side, she said.

The prosecutor also implicated another lawyer who, she said, offered her P150,000, or P50,000 for each member of the three-member prosecution team.

The defense lawyer countered that it was the woman prosecutor and her colleagues who tried to extort money from his clients.

The bribery allegations are now subject of an Ombudsman inquiry.

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BACK FROM THE GRAVE. The last time this column appeared three months ago, I was in an emergency room wondering what had hit me. I felt no pain, but from the look of the doctors who were examining me, I knew it wasn't good.

Hours before, in driving rain, I was cruising home after what I thought was just another day in the office. It could have been my last.

While negotiating a curve on an unlit part of the access road linking Cebu City to Mandaue City, I slammed into an immovable object, a trailer truck that got stalled in the middle of the street. It was as if I was watching TV and somebody suddenly pulled out the plug.

When I came to, blood was oozing from my face, a bloody mess. To the frantic shouts of rescuers, waiters from a nearby restaurant, I was pulled out of the crumpled vehicle, loaded into a cab and rushed to the hospital.

The next three weeks were hellish. I was operated on twice: The first, to close a five-inch yawning wound to the left of my chin, and the second, to put a fractured maxillary bone back in place. At one point, pain, depression and drugs nearly broke my spirit.

The reassurances of my wife Chandra put me back on track; so did the support of my family and colleagues in the Cebu Daily News. The publisher, Eileen Mangubat, was in the hospital within 30 minutes after the accident and personally picked my surgeons, Dr. Robert Pangan and Dr. George Ang.

CDN president Dennis Valdes, on an Indian tour, made sure I was well taken care of. Thank you.

My colleagues now tell me that I was lucky. I could have been easily crushed to death. I thank God for the second chance.

Mom and son: Stars of their show

By Roy Lu
Cebu City

A MOTHER-and-child image is common at the paint end of artists' brushes all over the world. Less common, however, are the mother and her child at the wielding end of the paintbrush.

In Cebu, this is simply unheard of until last Feb. 22 when the mother and son tandem of Maria Victoria "Bambi" Beltran and Ivan Zaldarriaga, opened their two-person show, "*Na'ay ngipon ang buwan* (The Moon has Teeth)" at the Luna ArtSpace in uptown Cebu City.

The exhibit, which will end on March 8, consists of 19 works. Except for one large work, all are medium-sized pieces. In Bambi's case, her works are all acrylic on canvass. In contrast, mix-media is Ivan's forte in this show.

KRISTINA, a German guest, reads a German poem by Bambi Beltran during the opening of the two-person show of Bambi Beltran and Ivan Zaldarriaga.

Contrast is actually the most apparent quality of this show. The emotional, poetic, and visual lyricism of Bambi's moon paintings are done with a raw brush unfettered by concerns for technical, anatomical, and least of all, formalist-stylistic correctness.

Because of this, her works come off with an emotional honesty that hints, like a child's tale, at wonders, meanings and depth beyond the immediately apparent.

Ivan's work, on the other hand, opts for the minimalist, literalist approach that is also raw. Yet it has the edginess that provides a more-bark-than-bite attitude to his canvasses.

The contrast also takes a different twist. Bambi, 40, is a BS Biology graduate of the University of the Philippines Cebu College (UPCC). She is not very active in the city's visual arts scene, even if she has joined several group shows and sits as a trustee of Pusod Inc., one of the city's most progressive art organization.

Ivan, 22, is a sophomore student of the UPCC Fine Arts program. At his year level, it is no exaggeration to say that they eat or are made to eat art four times a day.

Still, these contrasts collapse into a shared, though somewhat different, experience with a person—Raimund Houscht to whom the exhibit is being honored, according to the gallery statement.

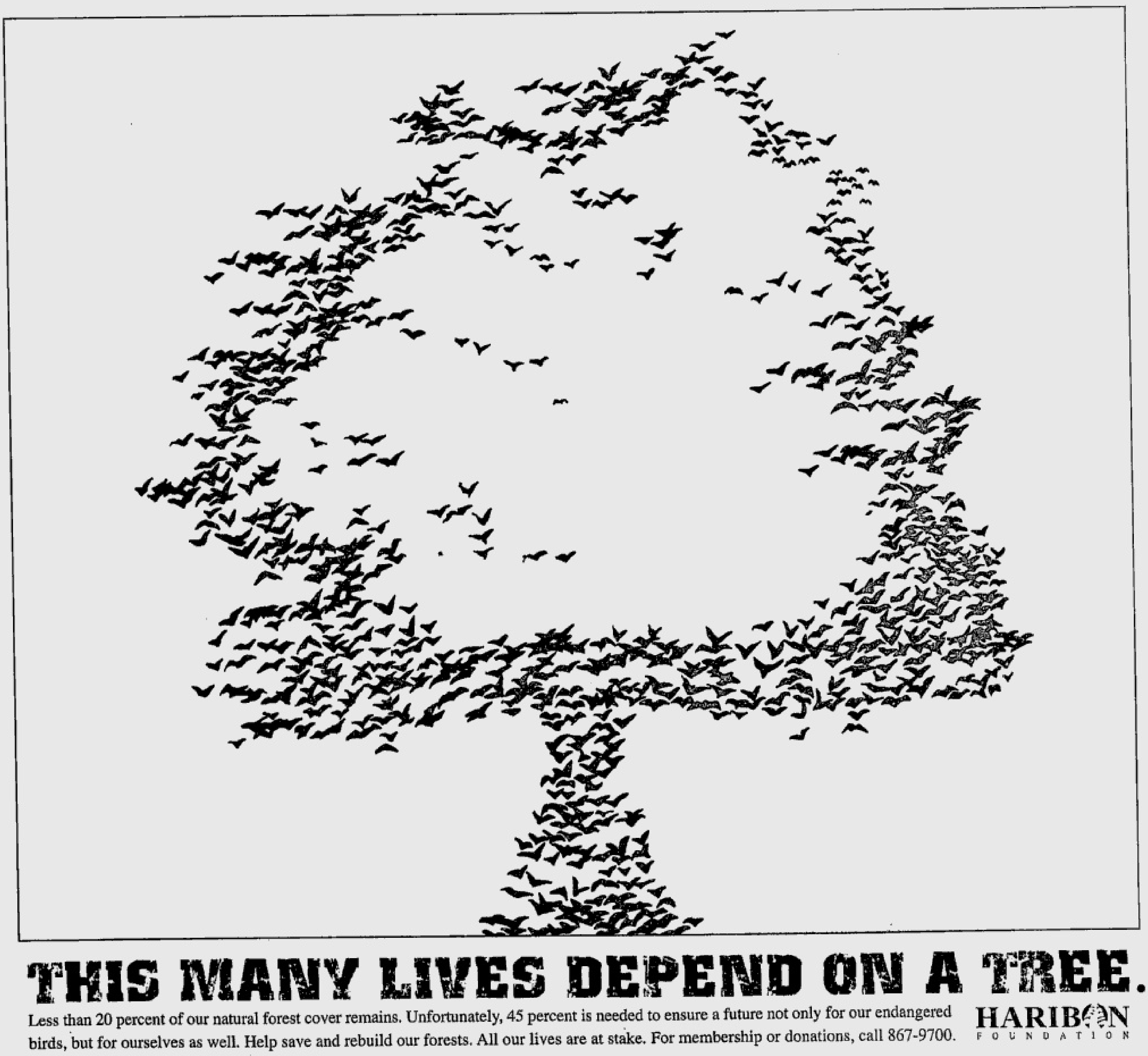
Houscht, 50, a German, spent the last 18 years of his life in Cebu City. He and Bambi nurtured Kukuk's Nest, a restaurant-cum-pension house that has figured much in the city's contemporary cultural landscape since its founding. In October 2001, he stunned even his closest friends when he shot himself in their seaside property on Olango Island, Cebu.

"Raimund and I always loved the full moon. The nights we spent together just gazing at the moon are some of my fondest memories," says Bambi.

Still, somewhat enigmatically, Bambi writes in her artist's statement that the "... shadow of the moon creates a long winding road that leads me to you."

Ivan, for his part, is more forthright and literal. His statement tells of how his sisters always had this thing about Raimund's gold teeth, and anything should happen to him, they would get the teeth. But, in the whirl of events, the teeth got cremated along with the rest of his body.

Both mother and son, through their art, measure their distance or closeness to a person of extraordinary influence. Their art points to a measure beyond the hand, the eye, and the heart across generations.



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‘Estrada forces mobilizing’

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groups.

Corroborating the Golez statement, presidential spokesperson Rigoberto Tiglao said intelligence reports showed that Estrada's supporters "are making appeals to our people."

Tiglao said the Cabinet oversight committee reached a consensus that Estrada's move "is a test of our judicial system."

Surigao del Norte Rep. Ace Barbers, chair of the House accounts committee, said Estrada's move was working in his favor.

"It's a legal strategy that he knows would trigger Edsa IV because he would come out as the underdog and that's where he is good at. He's playing his cards well," Barbers said.

"It looks like it's working. I've talked to many people and they pity him," he said.

Maguindanao Rep. Didagen Dilangalen, a key ally of Estrada in the House, warned of a "revolution" if Estrada were subjected to an unfair trial.

In the Senate, the opposition expressed alarm over the "politicization" of the Supreme Court and the Sandiganbayan, warning that "some forces might take advantage of this situation to destabilize the Macapagal administration."

Emerging from a caucus of the minority bloc, Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr. said the apparent politicization of the judiciary could have "unhealthy repercussions on the stability of the country." He did not say how the judiciary had become politicized.

From courts to streets

Senate President Franklin Drilon agreed with the opposition and joined them "in appealing to our people, particularly the supporters of former President Estrada, to calm down and reject any plans to foment anarchy and violence."

Sen. Blas Ople called on President Macapagal-Arroyo and Chief Justice Hilario Davide to "exercise leadership to avert a showdown in the streets between unruly forces."

"There are now moves to transfer the issue from the courts to the streets," Ople said.

He pointed out that many Filipinos "believe that Estrada is not being given a fair trial."

The chair of the House justice committee said there was a possibility that Estrada was merely buying time.

"The problem probably is 2004 because some people are saying that he is just buying time so that there can be no final judgment in 2004 and he can run for President. I think that could be another tactic," Libanan said.

"Although at this point the possibility of Edsa IV is remote, you cannot discount the fact that forces can be easily mobilized in this country," he said.

Unless the government really attends to the poor and addresses social inequity, Estrada will always have his sway on the poor, according to Libanan.

But Golez said that urban poor communities, which provided warm bodies in People Power III, had been "satisfactorily" attended to by the government, through its anti-poverty program.

Golez said the Macapagal administration "does not see any strong possibility of May 1 happening again."

Prepared

Golez said the government was issuing the usual precautionary words to those planning something untoward. "The government is always prepared."

Tiglao belittled the PMAP's capability and other supporters of Estrada to mobilize forces in the magnitude seen during the assault on Malacañang.

WHO'S afraid of Joseph Estrada? Not President Macapagal who, despite security concerns over her predecessor's latest tactics, visits "Kabuhayan 2002," a national livelihood trade fair ongoing at the Megamall. EDWIN BACASMAS

Last year, PMAP was able to mobilize some 20,000 to 30,000 people for the bloody riots near Malacañang after holding rallies at the Edsa Shrine for several days following the arrest of Estrada.

Tiglao gave a rating of "0.5" in a scale of 1 to 10 to PMAP's capability to again mobilize supporters from the urban poor. He described the group as an "overestimated organization."

"All the oversight committee can recommend to the President is to ensure that our security systems are in place," he said.

No special alert

Tiglao said there was "no special alert for People Power IV."

Asked whether the government was alarmed that Estrada might gain sufficient public sympathy that could result in massive protests, Tiglao said: "Not at all."

House Majority Leader Neptali Gonzales II and Tarlac Rep. Gilbert Teodoro (leader of the Nationalist People's Coalition in the House), Barbers and even Dilangalen do not see another Edsa people power coming up.

"There is still no basis for Edsa IV," Dilangalen said.

"Although Edsa IV is a possibility it is remote because the Filipino people will not agree with the idea now that we are on the road to economic recovery," Barbers said.

"I really don't think so. I don't see it coming," said Teodoro whose uncle Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco Jr. is strongly identified with Estrada.

Teodoro warned the PMAP against repeating the violent assault in Malacañang.

"PMAP has the right to engage in peaceful protest but once it turns ugly, it's a different story. The law must prevail," Teodoro said.

Asked to comment on the planned mobilization of the PMAP, Gonzales said: "Let's see how many they are."

Acting

An urban poor group urged Estrada's supporters to refrain from doing a repeat of the assault on Malacañang.

Carmen Deunida, Kadamay chair, said the moves by Estrada and his lawyers indicated a plan to mobilize again Metro Manila's poor.

"Do not be fooled again. Do not be carried away by Erap's acting. He's done a lot of crime against the people like plunder. Aren't these enough proof of his real character? It's only in the movies that he's a good guy," Deunida said in Filipino.

She said what the urban poor should do was to join efforts of militant groups like the Bagong Alyansang Makabayan to see Estrada punished for his misdeeds. ***With a report from Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk***

Sandigan orders Erap to attend all plunder hearings

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Fortun's partner.

Another surprise was the clarification of Estrada's outgoing defense panel that three of its members—Jose Flaminiano, Rene Saguisag and Cleofe Verzola—will still serve as counsel for Jinggoy Estrada, the ousted President's son and co-accused in the plunder case.

Raymund Fortun further said his law firm would remain as Estrada's counsel in connection with his complaint at the Ombudsman against Bureau of Internal Revenue officials who had ordered the freezing of the dollar account at Citibank of the ousted President's wife, Sen. Luisa Ejercito.

According to Raymond Fortun, Saguisag will continue to represent Estrada at the Supreme Court, where the ex-President is still challenging the creation of the special Sandiganbayan court and where the prosecution had elevated Estrada's first of two perjury cases.

The designated PAO lawyers—Arturo Tenianil (lead counsel), Joefferson Toribio, Silvestre Mosing and Melita Lauron—were present in court yesterday.

Postponed hearings

However, the court ruled that all previously set hearings of the Estrada cases be postponed by two weeks to give the ex-President time to consider hiring a new set of private lawyers.

Nazario also ordered the outgoing defense panel to turn over its body of evidence to its successor.

In issuing the order in open court, Nazario said the justices had taken notice of Estrada's well-publicized declaration that he had lost faith in the court's credibility and independence.

Nazario took umbrage at this declaration, saying it was probably a result of "wrong information" given to Estrada by his aides and lawyers considering that he had deliberately not attended his hearings.

"To disabuse his mind," Estrada, his co-accused Jinggoy Estrada and Eduardo Serapio, and their lawyers are now ordered to attend his every hearing "so he himself can see what's happening the courtroom," the justice said.

The order disregards the waivers of appearance that the court earlier granted the Estradas and Serapio.

Nazario said the court had been "fair" to Estrada and had been "respecting his person, he being a former President."

An indication of this is the court's having allowed Estrada to give media interviews while in detention, she said.

"Please understand," Nazario told Estrada's defense team. "Do you know that this is a burden to us? We did not ask for this. As you can see, we have been very fair to you."

Warning

But lead prosecutor Ombudsman Aniano Desierto said he would ask the Special Division of the Sandiganbayan to immediately stop Estrada from issuing statements that would "tend to undermine the people's confidence in the justice system."

In an interview, Desierto said he had ordered the prosecution panel to file a motion on Monday to serve warning for sanctions against the ousted President.

Asked whether this would be equivalent to a motion to cite for contempt, Desierto said: "The motion will lead to the imposition of possible sanctions against Mr. Estrada if he continues to issue statements that would erode the integrity and independence of the judiciary."

Justice Undersecretary Manuel A.J. Teehankee said Estrada violated the *sub judice* rule in claiming that he would not get a fair trial.

"One of the most important guidelines of the Sandiganbayan, we believe, has been violated and the prosecution panel and the Office of the Ombudsman are preparing a motion to question and cite the violation of the press guidelines issued by the Sandiganbayan," Teehankee told reporters.

Final say

The Nazario court explained that the IBP lawyers were included in the designated defense panel in the event that Estrada made good his earlier announcement that he would reject lawyers from the PAO, which is under the Department of Justice.

Desierto initially asked the court not to accept the outgoing defense team's withdrawal on grounds that it failed to state a reason in court.

But Justice Edilberto Sandoval cut in to say that "with or without a reason, Estrada has the final say whether the client-lawyer relationship will continue."

Among the dismissed Estrada lawyers who personally filed the withdrawal yesterday were Raymund Fortun, Felix Carao, Delia Hermoso, Verzola, Flaminiano and son Jay.

This is the new schedule of the next Sandiganbayan hearings of Estrada *et al.*:

- March 15—Estrada's arraignment for his second perjury case, start of the pre-trial of his "illegal alias" case, and continuation of hearings on his petition to be allowed to travel abroad for medical treatment.
- March 18, 20, 22, and every Monday, Wednesday and Friday thereafter—continuation of his plunder trial.

Teary-eyed

Senator Ejercito was present in court, as well as Estrada's children by her—Jude and Jackie, accompanied by husband Beaver Lopez—and San Juan Mayor JV Ejercito, Estrada's son by ex-starlet Guia Gomez.

In an interview at the courtroom, a teary-eyed Ejercito said she had come to personally thank her husband's outgoing lawyers.

She said she did not know exactly what would happen to Estrada's cases, but that he would definitely not engage the services of the PAO lawyers "whom we hardly know and who do not know President Estrada's cases."

"Our entire family is being targeted for persecution," she said in Filipino. "I think it's only Jackie now that is being spared."

"We're already deeply humiliated," she said, adding that JV and Jude had fallen victim to insinuations by police that they had links to a recently raided *shabu* laboratory in San Juan.

But she said her husband was still appealing for calm among his supporters.

Mayor Ejercito told reporters that his father's latest move was "not a drama."

"His own life is at stake here," the mayor said, adding that "he has to be convicted so that the Macapagal-Arroyo government will be truly legitimized."

Judicial process

Desierto said that despite the postponement of the hearings, "the judicial process will continue inexorably and it can't be dragged into the political arena."

"We can't be derailed in the administration of justice," he said of the prosecution. "We know what (Estrada) is up to. We can't be trapped as long as we adhere to the judicial process. We will never pick a fight with the defense outside the court."

He said that unlike the deposed President, the prosecution had no business engaging in politics.

"We don't seek popularity. We rely only on the law and the evidence required to enforce the law," he said. "This policy is the only assurance of equal protection for all, including the poor who can't afford to muster popularity."

Teehankee said the Sandiganbayan "made it very clear that all the press statements and interviews of the former President would be allowed, subject to certain limitations and guidelines."

Limitations

He said one of these limitations was the prohibition on *sub judice* comments, or statements related to pending cases.

"Also prohibited are statements involving contempt of court or statements that tend to destroy the confidence in our justice system," Teehankee said. "I believe these are very important guidelines and prohibitions that have been violated."

Teehankee also said even the media, particularly television networks, could be cited for indirect contempt for airing Estrada's comments.

"Certain statements are prohibited by the Sandigabayan," he said. "Since they have asked permission for the interview, the court has been quite liberal in granting their request. One of the requirements is that no statement should be made which would insult the court or derogate on our justice system."

GMA-7, among other TV networks, asked the court on Feb. 26 to allow its public affairs program "Debate with Mare and Pare" to interview the former President.

The court approved the request on Feb. 27, subject to several conditions including the consent of the accused and the prohibition on *sub judice* comments.

Resolution on Erap to be put on hold

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resolution so that those who have changed their mind would no longer have difficulty in withdrawing their signature," proposed Rep. Robert Barbers.

The deputy speaker also said that if the House adopted the resolution despite Estrada's dismissal of his lawyers, the situation would become "more chaotic."

"Anyway, the whole world knows that we filed this resolution, so let's just wait for the Sandiganbayan to make its decision," he said.

Barbers said Estrada's statement that he no longer trusted the judicial system had reduced his chances of being granted leave to go abroad.

Barbers said he would wait for Rep. Didagen Dilangalen, principal author of the resolution, to make a decision on the matter.

Majority Leader Neptali Gonzales II said he was considering pulling out of the 136 signatories.

"It's up to Digs (Dilangalen), but if I see that the one we are helping does not want our help, then maybe I will withdraw my name from the resolution," he said.

Gonzales heads the House rules committee, to which the Dilangalen resolution and a counter-resolution filed by Bayan Muna Rep. Satur Ocampo were referred for action.

He may choose to report the resolution back to the plenary for immediate adoption or refer it to another committee for deliberation.

Gonzales said it could be referred to the justice committee chaired by Rep. Marcelino Libanan.

But Dilangalen promised to push for the approval of the resolution in the plenary, saying Estrada would keep his word that he would come back if allowed to leave.

‘Dante Ang meddling’

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Despite his denials, however, Palace insiders have insisted that Cabrera had been eased out by Ang. They implied that even presidential spokesperson Rigoberto Tiglao might have had something to do with Cabrera's leaving.

But Cabrera denied that he was at odds with Tiglao. The two knew each other as student activists during the Marcos regime.

"We've been together for a long time, since our (student) activist days and later when we were in the media. He is very competent," Cabrera said of Tiglao.

Tiglao earlier denied he was interested in becoming press secretary.

In an interview with dzMM radio, Cabrera said Ang was the "official publicist" by virtue of his having been "with the President for a long time."

"He (Ang) has his own job to do, which is to project the President's image," Cabrera said.

"Sometimes the demarcation (between our jobs) blurs somewhat because they are related. That's why some think he is interfering," the press secretary explained.

Cabrera, who is said to have wanted to leave his Palace post since last year, announced the other day that he was leaving and that he had asked President Macapagal-Arroyo to let him serve in some other post.

He said the President was quite open to the idea of his moving to a government corporate position.

Cabrera, who was a newspaper editor before becoming press undersecretary during the previous Ramos and Estrada administrations, said he was leaving because he was experiencing job "burnout."

Cabrera said he, Ang and Tiglao had their own jobs to do in the government information machinery.

But "there are others helping the President," he said. He did not elaborate.

Atong Ang denied bail

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The decision means Ang, who fled to the United States at the height of the Estrada impeachment trial and was arrested last November in a Las Vegas casino, will remain at a Nevada detention facility while waiting for his extradition hearing on May 2.

Ang's lawyer, Donald Etra, said he would appeal the ruling. "Neither law nor justice requires him to remain in jail another day," Etra said.

In Manila, a Department of Foreign Affairs spokesperson said Ang was scheduled to meet an American asylum officer sometime soon, to discuss the merits of Ang's bid to seek political asylum in the United States. Ang's application is pending, Etra said, and is being handled by the US Immigration and Naturalization office in Anaheim, California.

Assistant Secretary Victoriano Lecaros said the DFA has received information from the Philippine Consulate in Los Angeles that the schedule of the meeting would be known next week.

According to Natalie Collins, spokesperson for the US attorney's office, Leavitt has also set a March 26 date for the US government to report its progress on the turnover of documents and materials related to Ang's case to Etra.

Ang, 43, is a co-accused of deposed President Joseph Estrada in the plunder case currently being heard by the Sandiganbayan. The charge can carry the death penalty, but Collins said US Assistant Attorney Gregory Damm has received written assurance from the Philippine government that Ang's case was not a death penalty case.

Asylum officer

"Ang would be interviewed by a US asylum officer to evaluate the merits of his reasons in asking for asylum. We would know the schedule of his interview with the asylum officer next week," Lecaros said in a news briefing yesterday afternoon.

ATONG ANG

But Lecaros clarified that the officer's assessment would not form the sole basis for any INS ruling.

"The government is making strong representation that Charlie "Atong" Ang should not be given political asylum in the United States. The decision on his asylum does not rest on the asylum officer's assessment but on higher authorities in the US," Lecaros said.

He said the government's position in asking the US to deny Ang political asylum is premised on the former Estrada gambling adviser being a fugitive from Philippine justice. Etra has maintained, however, that his client is seeking political asylum because he fears for his life if he comes back to the country.

Ang was arrested at the Paris Hotel in Las Vegas in November last year. He was nabbed by US Marshals and agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He has denied any wrongdoing. ***With a report from AP***

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Guest: Pres'l. Adviser Angelito Sarmiento
Ethnic Night and Cultural Festival, *SFC Auditorium*
March 2 Foundation Day Flag Raising Ceremony, *Provincial Capitol*
Motorcade to Agoo
Opening of the La Union Medical Center, *Agoo*
Guests: DOH Sec. Manuel Dayrit
EU Charge d' Affaires Luc Vandebon
RP Amb. to Mexico Justo Orros Jr.
Signing of MOA with PhilHealth
Guest: PhilHealth Pres. Francisco Duque
Conferment of Provincial Awards, *Diego Silang Hall*
Mutya ng La Union 2002 Pageant, *SFC Auditorium*
Emcee: Edu Manzano
Guest Performer: Marissa Sanchez
March 3 Opening of National Open Chess Tournament
Guests: Mat Defensor, Eugene Torre, Sammy Estimo
Battle of the Wizards
March 4 6th Anniversary Observance, *La Union Botanical Garden*
"Samu't Sari Pinoy na Pinoy" Cultural Show, *SFC Auditorium*
"Pasala ti Panagyaman ti Provincia," *SFC Auditorium*

The Port of San Fernando, a national port of entry, is barely two kilometers away from the regional airport. [Photo courtesy of NLGC]

La Union to host 2003 "Treasures of the North" fair

SAN FERNANDO CITY-The Poro Point Special Economic and Freeport Zone (PPSEFPZ) here will be the site of the first "Rimat ti Amianan (Treasures of the North)" Agricultural, Trade and Tourism Fair in December in 2003.

"The trade fair will open doors to the area of Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, La Union, Pangasinan, Abra and Benguet as a primary investment and tourist destination," according to La Union governor Victor F. Ortega.

"It will showcase the many business opportunities we can offer to prospective investors in terms of support services and facilities. It will also demonstrate the creative flair of our craftsmen and the variety and quality of our agricultural products for promotion in the domestic and international markets," he added.

The two-week affair will feature a product exposition, a tourist and travel mart, an agri-industrial technology fair and a food festival. There will also be cultural shows, aquatic sports activities, street dancing and day-to-night family fun at the specially constructed amusement park.

Also in focus will be the province's prime investment areas - the PPSEFPZ and the 250-hectare Bacnotan Regional Agri-Industrial Growth Center, where the giant Union Cement Corporation is currently located, he added.

The PPSEFPZ, now managed by the John Hay-Poro Point Development Corporation (JPDC), is intended for development as a light industrial-commercial and tourism estate. The Bacnotan area, on the other hand, is envisioned as a prime agri-industrial estate and the regional center for raw materials and markets, according to the North Luzon Growth (NLG) Area master plan.

"San Fernando is ripe to host the trade fair because it has always been the government, educational, trade and business hub of the Ilocos Region. Aside from that, La Union can boast of being one of the most peaceful provinces in the country, as recognized by our own Philippine National Police," Ortega said.

The province is host to more than a dozen higher education institutions, including many Information Technology-oriented schools, and has one of the highest literacy rates in the country at 98 percent.

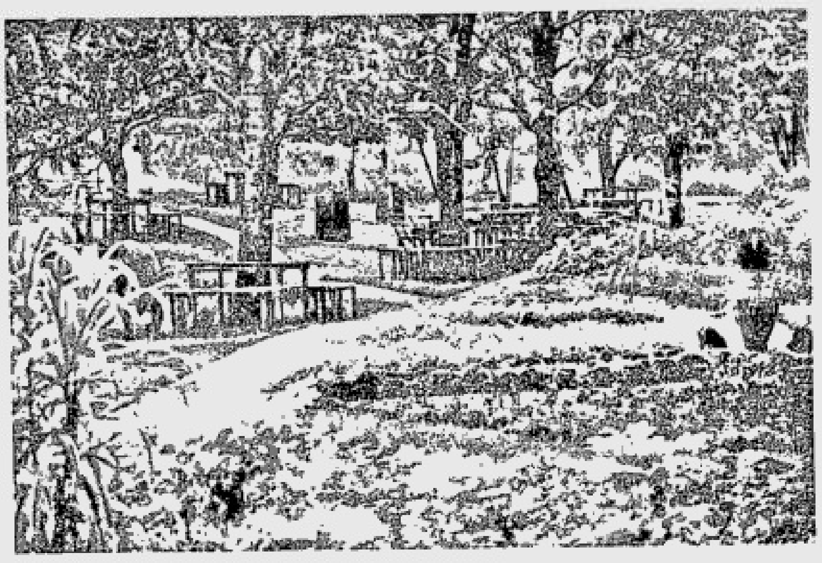
Also invigorating the business climate are 40 commercial and rural banks, and more than 14,000 trading, manufacturing and services establishments all over the province, including the 215 MW-capacity diesel power plant, Bauang Private Power Corporation.

"It also carries two vital trade infrastructure - the San Fernando Airport and Seaport which are conveniently located barely two kilometers away from each other." Ortega pointed out.

The Port of San Fernando, a national port of entry, caters to both national and international shipping activities, while the regional San Fernando Airport serves as an alternate landing area of Baguio City-bound planes.

The 2003 Rimat ti Amianan is being organized by a committee co-chaired by NLG Commission executive director Hermenegildo C. Dumlao and San Fernando City mayor Mary Jane C. Ortega, with heads of various LGUs, government agencies and private organizations as members.

Organizers have also invited partner-cities of San Fernando - Hezhou in the Province of Guanxi, China; the Township of Langley, British Columbia, Canada; Ansan, South Korea; and possibly the city of Xiamen in Fujian Province, China - to participate in the trade fair.



The Botanical Garden is the centerpiece of the city's continuing efforts in upgrading its parks and other green areas. [Photo courtesy of City Media Bureau]

An Ideal Holy Week Destination

La Union is the ideal destination for that long-put-off family getaway during Holy Week, a time of worship, fellowship and introspection.

Being the narrowest point in the Ilocos Region, mountains literally meet the sea here, allowing an exciting variety of activities and terrains in one place. La Union is also the gateway to the rich cultural and spiritual heritage of the Ilocano people, which becomes even more pronounced during the holy season.

The capital city of San Fernando lies 270 kilometers from Manila and is the transit point of buses plying the Manila-Laoag City route. It is only about one hour away by car from Baguio City, two hours away from the Spanish-influenced attractions of Vigan (Ilocos Sur), and three hours to the old churches of Paoay (Ilocos Norte).

From Agoo, stretching northward to San Juan, the coastline is dotted with numerous hotels and resorts offering amenities and facilities ranging from economy to de luxe. The restaurants, whether by the beach or in downtown San Fernando, boast fresh seafood and a variety of local and international cuisine.

Paringao, Bauang is known for its wide, gray-sand beaches and calm waters while Urbiztondo, San Juan is internationally famous for its friendly surfing waves all year round. Poro Point, San Fernando and the Bauang Reef are good spots for snorkeling and diving, lessons for which can be arranged at some hotels.

Bagulin, where La Union's highest peak is found at 1,113 m. asl., is frequented by trekkers and mountain bikers. Nestled atop a mountain, about seven kilometers from the San Fernando City proper, is the famous La Union Botanical Garden.

Here, nature lovers would enjoy walking through the lush gardens inspired by different countries and climate zones, as well as the mini-zoo, natural museum, and picnic grounds.

A pilgrimage tour in La Union should begin with a visit to the Pindangan Ruins, original site of the Parish Church of San Fernando built around 1760, beside which now stands the new Pindangan Church and the Carmelite Monastery.

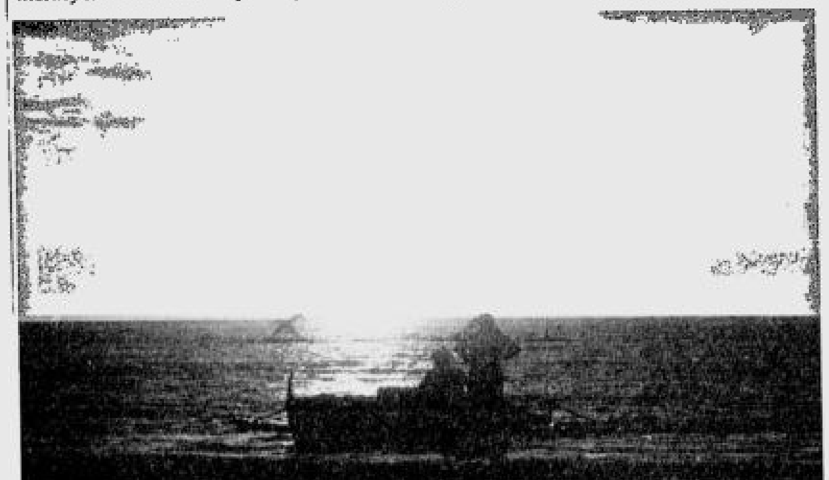
Other places of worship are the Basilica of Our Lady of Charity in Agoo, which also houses a museum, and the shrine of the miraculous Lady of Namacpacan in Luna.

Many Filipino-Chinese also venerate the image of Ma-zu enshrined at the Ma-cho Temple in San Fernando City. The image is believed to have a Christian counterpart known as the Virgin of Caysasay, which is found at the Basilica of St. Martin in Taal, Batangas.

The Cathedral of St. William the Hermit in San Fernando City, aside from being the biggest in La Union, also houses archaeological artifacts and historical documents.

La Union's many Catholic churches come to life as Easter Sunday draws near. On Black Saturday, a procession of flower-bedecked floats carrying ornately dressed statues of Jesus Christ, the Blessed Mother, and other saints is a spectacular sight on the main road of nearly every town.

In Agoo and San Fernando City, some centuries-old statues, often heirloom items, are brought out by their owners especially for this annual procession.



Bauang's calm beach waters, picturesque sunsets and beautiful resorts draw hundreds of tourists especially in the summer. [Photo: City Media Bureau]

San Fernando is World Bank Dev't Strategies Pilot

The four-year-old city of San Fernando is steadily emerging as a sustainable city that is livable, competitive, bankable and with good governance thanks to the World Bank-assisted City Development Strategy (CDS), which was piloted in this city.

In 1998, barely three months after its ratification as a city, San Fernando was one of seven cities which eagerly responded to a World Bank invitation to compete for a technical assistance grant to develop a CDS.

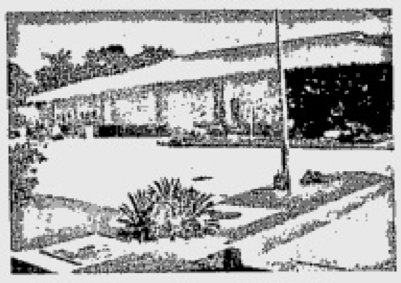
Twenty four cities in the Philippines were invited but only San Fernando, Olongapo, Dapitan, Roxas, Lapulapu, Sagay, and Dipolog responded. The seven eventually received the technical assistance, with funding from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

According to Mayor Mary Jane C. Ortega, the CDS is both a planning process and a product which promotes partnership among the various stakeholders in a city - the city government, the private business sector, civil society, academe and national government agencies.

It aims to jointly analyze growth issues, develop a vision for the future, formulate development strategies, design programs, prioritize projects, mobilize resources, implement, monitor and evaluate implementation over a five-year period.

"San Fernando has so far met all its targets in its CDS and is now considered a resource city for the second generation CDS," Ortega said.

The program's second generation currently has 33 additional cities as beneficiaries of assistance from the Cities Alliance and the G-20 countries, she said.



The P650M La Union Medical Center, a gift of the European Union to the province and the most modern government hospital in the country starts serving the public on March 2, 2002-La Union Foundation Day. [Photo: PIO]

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SPORTS

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Sunday booters score again

SUNDAY Football Club notched its fourth victory to keep the lead in the men's second division of the Nike Futsal Open recently at the Ateneo de Manila's Moro Lorenzon Sports Center in Katipunan. SFC banked on Karlo Lacinez, Marjo Allado and David Arabzadeh to defeat University of the East, 5-2.

DiMarco on top by 1 stroke

MIAMI—Opening with three straight birdies, Chris DiMarco easily topped his best score on the Blue Monster at Doral with a 7-under 65 on Thursday to take a one-stroke lead in the first round of the Genuity Championship. Ernie Els and Vijay Singh, were a stroke back along with Steve Allan of Australia and Greg Kraft. The group at 67 included Tiger Woods, playing at Doral for the first time since 1998. *AP*

CAP-SOUTHWOODS CONKS OUT

Canlubang virtual PAL Interclub champ

By Al S. Mendoza

BACOLOD CITY—Hey, officials had better change the rules of the PAL Interclub Golf Championshp or we'd be stuck with watching boring finishes in the yearly affair.

Canlubang is the culprit.

Yesterday, Canlubang scored 130 points to post an unreachable 22-point margin over CAP-Southwoods (121) and virtually won a record 11 PAL Interclub titles with still one round left.

Luigi Yulo's talented Canlubang lineup will merely go into formalities in completing their final round today before officially claiming another record: the first to score a "three-peat" twice. It did it first in 1994, 1995 and 1996.

Because of that, isn't it time we shortened the tournament to just three days from four so that we kill Canlubang's bad habit of making the tournament's ending anti-climactic?

Hey, Canlubang also did it last year.

With a day left in Cebu City, Canlubang led CAP-Southwoods by 16 points. It transformed Day 4 into a beach walk, gifting CAP-Southwoods with a false sense of pride as CAP-Southwoods outscored Canlubang, 131-127, in the final round.

Canlubang won by 12.

What will it be this year? Showtime for Canlubang in today's final round by fielding in just four players instead of the standard five, with each player playing blindfold?

As Yulo said: "It's all over. It's in the bag."

SEA Games champion Juvic Pagunsan almost made it a one-man show yesterday, shouldering home 39 points from a three-under-par at the windswept Bacolod GCC on five birdies, including three in his last six holes.

"My tee shots were exceptionally good," Pagunsan said in Tagalog. "I missed only two fairways. My irons, too, as I missed only two greens that caused my two bogeys."

The 23-year-old Pagunsan, tied for second last week in the Thailand Open, was supported by Jun Bernis with 32, Tommy Manotoc 30 and Dave Hernandez 29 in the five-to-play, four-to-count format that gives 3 points to a birdie, 2 to a par and 1 to a bogey.

"There's nothing I can ask for now," said Yulo, the winningest team captain in PAL history with 11. "I don't know how Southwoods can catch up with us tomorrow."

The CAP-Southwoods rally never really took off the ground as the squad was weighed down by its fourth and fifth men in Hanson So and Erwin Vinluan, respectively. Both had 26s to Angelo Que's 33, Montito Garcia's 32 and Jerome Delariarte's 30.

"We tried hard, but Canlubang really played so much better," said Jeric Hechanova, CAP-Southwoods' manager. "But the boys will keep on trying every year. As I was telling Tommy (Manotoc), Canlubang and Luisita are like Crispa and Toyota in their heyday. We were just trying to join the party."

Luisita retained third with 123=349, followed by Del Monte with 119=343, Wack Wack 110=316, Sta. Elena 85=250, Alta Vista 63=237.

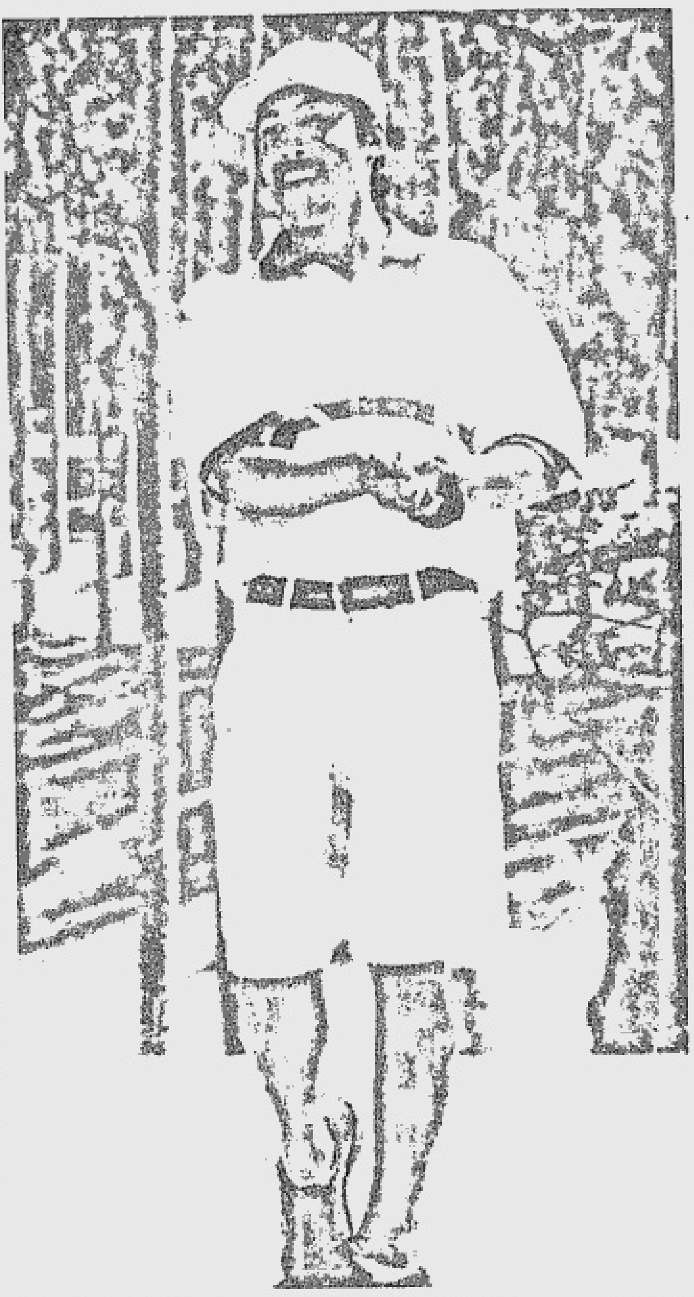
The tournament, which moves to Davao's Apo, Lanang and Rancho Palos Verdes next year, is sponsored by Fortune Tobacco, Boeing, RMN/E! Television, Airbus, NBC/MTV, ABS-CBN Int'l, Smart Communications and Pilipinas Shell. The corporate sponsors are PLDT, Tanduay, Asia Brewery, 96.3 W Rock, Century Park Hotel, 105.1 Crossover and GE Aircraft Engines.

Other scores:

Founders—Forest Hills 115-106-91=312, Riviera 101-95-112=308, Cebu CC 107-91-103=301, Negros 103-94-103=300, Manila Golf Club 113-84-89=286.

Sportswriters—Guinhalaran 94-84-97=275, Davao 73-84-96=253, Capitol Hills 82-84-81=247, Team L.A. 72-89-82=243, Phil. Navy 90-79-60=229, Pittsburgh 79-61-86=226.

Friendship—Crystal Springs 71-78-73=223, South Cotabato 76-68-73=217, Mabuhay 66-68-64=198, Cotabato 57-60-56=173, Moffett Field 54-50-60=164.



PAGUNSAN: Almost a one-man show for Canlubang. JESS YUSON

La Salle alumni golf slated

A BLOCKBUSTER field is expected as the All-La Salle alumni golf tournament unwraps on March 4 at the Sta. Elena Golf Club in Cabuyao, Laguna.

The system 36 will be used in the day-long event. Registration is scheduled from 6-7:30 a.m. Tee-off (shotgun) starts at 7:30 a.m.

Participants who are non-member of Sta. Elena Golf Club will pay P2,000, while members will pay P800. Fee includes green fee (for non members), lunch, giveaways and raffle prizes.

Eternal envy

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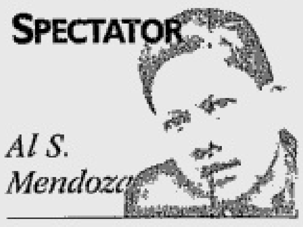

BACOLOD CITY—At about this time last year in Cebu City, CAP-Southwoods trailed three-day leader Canlubang by a huge 16 points with one round left in the 54th PAL Interclub. Canlubang relaxed somewhat in the final day, but still came out winner by 12 points over CAP-Southwoods.

With an impregnable 22-point margin going to today's final round of the 55th PAL Interclub at Negros Occidental GCC, will Canlubang again relax?

By any stretch of imagination, that margin can never be overhauled. Not with a team like Canlubang, whose powerhouse lineup is the eternal envy of many.

For CAP-Southwoods to duplicate its 1999 victory in Davao, Canlubang captain Luigi Yulo should do the unthinkable today: Pull out his wards from competition.

If he does that, Luigi will have also achieved a record. The pullout will be a first in PAL Interclub history.

But will Luigi act crazy as to suddenly do a 360-degree turn?

Of course not. Otherwise, I will run for President in 2004.

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When mediamen were not allowed to play the second round of their annual PAL Media Tournament at Marapara on Tuesday, Pyke Braga of Victorias Golf Club in nearby Victorias City came to the rescue.

"You can play anytime you want to at Victorias," said Pyke. "Not only today but also in the succeeding days. To people like you, the course is all yours to enjoy."

You are an angel, Pyke.

To be honest, Victorias has a special place in my heart. It was there in 1997 that I won the PAL Media tournament during the 50th anniversary of the PAL Interclub.

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To Job Lamela, PAL Bacolod manager, every job is well done. A friend of mine said if not for Job, he'd be stranded here and would miss the birthday party of his wife tomorrow in Manila. Here's to you, Job.

RP Open gets boost

ESGUERRA

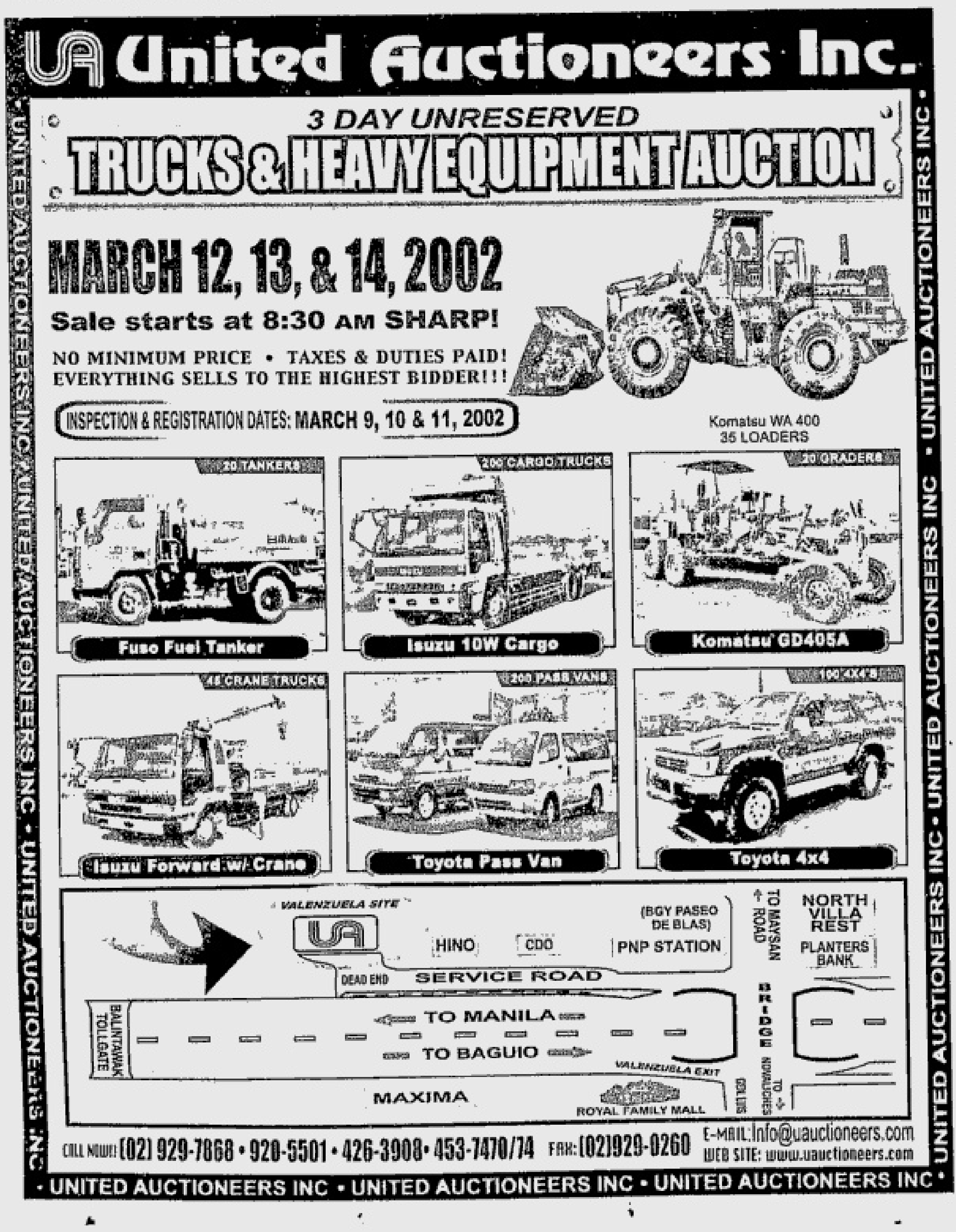
THE 87TH RP Open got a major boost when sportsman-businessman Hermie Esguerra donated P1.1 million to the event set for March 7-10 at Wack Wack East.

"Like horse racing, golf is also close to my heart," said the 47-year-old Esguerra after turning over a check yesterday to Ben Abalos, Wack Wack president and co-chair of the RP Open organizing committee.

Esguerra said his donation represented the prize his champion horse Wind Blown pocketed in winning the First Gentleman Silver Cup race last Sunday.

Also backing the golfest are Casino Filipino, San Miguel Beer, Mitsubishi, U-Bix, PLDT, Solahart, Café Appassionato, Mizuno, Citgo, Unilever and Cena.

Edwin Villanueva



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12-year-old makes LPGA debut; Canadian ahead

WIE

WAIKOLOA, Hawaii —Twelve-year-old Hawaiian Michelle Wie struggled to a 2-over par 72 in her LPGA Tour debut, while defending champion Lorie Kane shot a 63 to take the first-round lead in the season-opening Takefuji Classic.

Wie, the 1.7 meter (5-foot-10) seventh grader from Honolulu, had three birdies and five bogeys in surprisingly calm conditions on the oceanside Waikoloa Beach Resort course.

Kane, the Canadian who held off Annika Sorenstam by two strokes last year at Kona Country Club, birdied her first four holes.

Sorenstam, coming off a playoff victory over Karrie Webb last week in the Australian Ladies Masters, was a stroke back at 64 along with Swedish compatriot Liselotte Neumann, Scotland's Catriona Matthew and South Korea's Mi Hyun Kim. Americans Michelle Redman and Hall of Famer Betsy King shot a 65 and 66 respectively.

Wie, the youngest player to earn a spot in an LPGA Tour event through a Monday qualifier, began play on the 10th tee. After a birdie on No. 11, she had consecutive bogeys on Nos. 14-16. She played the front nine in even par, with two birdies and two bogeys. Her coach and caddie, Casey Nakama, said she was playing calmly for her age because she didn't know the magnitude of what she had accomplished so far. *AP*

Strict monitoring for athletes

By Marc Anthony Reyes

RIGHT after making the screening for the Asian Games, the 136 athletes honing up for the Busan Asiad are set to undergo strict monitoring starting next week until September, according to chief of mission Tom Carrasco yesterday

Carrasco said they will have to make sure the athletes follow their training program strictly and all their needs are met during their training for the Games. Carrasco, who is also the Asian Games Task Force chief, said the country will take part in 23 sport disciplines

"The monitoring team will act as a conduit between the athletes, the NSAs (national sports associations) and the Asian Games Task Force," said Ariel Paredes, who will head the monitoring team.

"Apart from making sure that they (NSAs) implement their program, the monitoring must also make sure that the athletes have the equipment, medicines they need for training," Paredes added.

Carrasco said that about 50 more athletes are set to join the Asiad roster since more NSAs are taking part in international competitions that will gauge whether these athletes qualify for the standards set by the Task Force.

F1 preview shown on NBN-4 tonight

THE COUNTRY'S newest F1 public broadcast rights holder, F1 Live at Racing world, will show a rare preview of the exciting Formula One Grand Prix World Championship 2002 season from 7 to 8 tonight on NBN-4.

Macky Carapiet will be the commentator during the Monaco satellite feed of the event to the Philippines.

Held in cooperation with the NBN channel, headed by its chairperson Mia Concio, the preview will highlight the different new teams and their drivers as they prepare for the 2002 season.

The whole F1 GP series will be shown in NBN along with F1 Live's newest club event, F1 Club Live, at the National Sports Grill, Greenbelt, Makati City, this Sunday (March 3) starting at 10 a.m.

Round 1 will be hosted by motorsports personality Mike Potenciano.

For more details, contact Xtreme Worx at 8531631, Fax 8531630, Cell 0917-8992030 or 0917-8992363 or email at xtremeworx@hotmail.com

PBA CUP

FedEx rips Sta. Lucia

GAMES TODAY (Cuneta Astrodome)
4 p.m.—Alaska vs Red Bull
6 p.m.—Ginebra vs Shell

By June Navarro

TIM Moore and Jermaine Walker starred as Federal Express whipped Sta. Lucia Realty, 93-83, to register its second straight win in the PBA Samsung Governors Cup at the Caruncho Gym in Pasig City last night.

Moore displayed another sterling performance, finishing with 29 points on top of 12 rebounds to go along with Walker's 26 markers as they conspired in taking the Realtors out of the picture early in the first half.

The Realtors, who subsist on the never-say-die spirit of import Victor Thomas, dropped to their second straight loss against a lone victory and now share a space at the bottom of the standings with Shell and Selecta-RP Team.

Thomas, energized by the challenge put up by Walker and Moore, led the Realtors with 30 points, half of which was made inside the paint with his rim-rattling dunks.

"We are blessed with two very good imports. I hope our momentum stays in the next few games," said FedEx coach Derrick Pumaren after the Express tied Coca-Cola in the middle of the pack at 2-2.

Meanwhile, Barangay Ginebra parades a replacement for the ailing Charles "Bubba" Wells when the Kings meet the Shell Turbo Chargers today at the Cuneta Astrodome.

Desmond Fergusson, a 6-foot-7 three-point artist out of University of Detroit, has been tapped by the Kings to fill the vacuum left by Wells, who suffered a groin injury in a 75-72 setback against Sta. Lucia Realty.

Scores:

FEDEX 93—Moore 29, Walker 26, Alvarez 15, Codinera 7, Pumaren 5, Friedhoff 4, De Ocampo 4, Arboleda 3.

STA. LUCIA 83—Thomas 30, Francisco 20, David 9, Mendoza 8, Ortiguerra 6, McDougal 5, Adriano 3, Falcasantos 2.

Quarters: 28-16, 51-34, 73-57, 93-83.

NBA RESULTS

Cavaliers 114, Spurs 107; Heat 100, Knicks 86; Jazz 114, Grizzlies 70; Suns 107, Pacers 100, OT. *AP*

Joey's son rises

TEAM Edgesport's Jeremy Marquez showed why he is the Rookie of the Year and SL champion as he ruled the Intercontinental Class A of the 2002 Shell Super Karting at the Carmona Circuit in Cavite recently.

Marquez topped the ICA with a total time of 21:10.281 after 20 laps and produced the day's fastest lap at 43.419 seconds to once again cement his status as the most promising karter in the country.

The 22-year-old son of Parañaque Mayor Joey Marquez bucked an engine damage in the morning session of the race but came charging back in the afternoon to beat Ryan Francisco by a .155 of a second and the third-ranked Mandy Borja.

"I suffered engine trouble in the morning race but this only challenged me to do better later in the day. With God's help, I was able to recover mightily," said Marquez, who is supported by Pagcor, Casino Filipino, Sky Trek and Star Fleet.

Don Bosco shines

DON BOSCO Cebu took the spotlight in the successful staging of the Don BoscOlympics recently at Makati City.

The hard-fighting Cebuanos ruled 4 on 4 soccer, volleyball and basketball (junior division) to emerge champions in the two-day event featuring Don Bosco athletes nationwide.

PBL Commissioner Chino Trinidad, Domeca Garamendi, deputy secretary general of the Philippine Football Federation, and Fr. Francis Gustilo, SDB, provincial, Northern Province, graced the awarding ceremonies.

The BoscOlympics event was organized by Fr. Tuy Hizon, Don Bosco Administrator-Makati, Dexter M. Araquel, project director of Pro-Aide Inc., Sports and Event Specialist, and Taruc Mondia, technical committee chair.

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SERIES CHAMP

Futura racing recruit and former jet ski champion Jan Jan Gonzales (99) leads PJ Religioso (No. 47) and Kendrick Sy (No. 60) in the kickoff leg of the 2002 Shell Karting Super Series recently at the Carmona Circuit Philippines. Gonzales (inset) went on to rule Formula SL Light class. The meet was sponsored by Pilipinas Shell, Casino Filipino, Smart ZED, Nokia and Coca-Cola Bottlers.

Peñalosa vs Avila

JOEL Avila seeks to boost his stock as a future world champion when he slugs it out with Gerry Peñalosa for the WBC International super flyweight title tonight at the Makati Coliseum.

The 12-round Avila-Peñalosa clash is dubbed as 'Mayhem at Makati."

Peñalosa carries a record of 43 wins (27KOs), 4 losses and 2 draws, while Avila boasts of 25 (wins) 12KOs), 8 losses and 3 draws.

St. Francis retains crown; UV trips San Beda

By Roy Luarca

ROXAS CITY—It was Ranidel de Ocampo's turn to shine for St. Francis of Assisi yesterday as the Doves clipped the University of Visayas Lancers, 72-70, and retained their National Students Basketball Championships collegiate crown at the packed Dinggoy Roxas Civic Center here.

The 6-foot-6 Ranidel, taking over the role vacated by brother Yancy, now a pro, banked in an alley-oop shot from a lob pass by Roy Billanes with two seconds to go as the Doves foiled the Lancers bid to duplicate the Baby Lancers' triumph in the secondary division.

Fittingly, Ranidel was adjudged MVP of the tournament after sharing scoring honors with heady point guard Al Vergara and dominating the shaded lane. Both wound up with 24 points for the Doves, who also topped the 2000 and 2001 editions in Sta. Cruz, Laguna and San Pablo City, respectively.

"This is one (win) I will cherish. This is one of my most remarkable victories," said St. Francis coach Gabby Velasco.

The taller Doves found the Lancers of former pro Elmer Cabahug tough to crack, trailing by as many as nine points in the first quarter before wresting the lead at 44-42. Earlier, the UV Baby Lancers dethroned the San Beda College Red Cubs as inter-secondary titlists with a 68-62 victory while Las Piñas College took third place in the collegiate division.

Lhuillier keeps title by forfeiture

CEBU CITY—M. Lhuillier retained the Cebu Basketball League President's Cup after winning via forfeiture over Spring Cooking Oil which walked out of their winner-take-all final at the Cebu Coliseum.

The ML Jewelers were leading by six points, 70-64, in the last five minutes when the Oil Makers left their bench following foul calls slapped on player Joel Co and assistant coach Ricky Magallanes by referee Renato Andaya.

Andaya alleged that Magallanes waved to him a P500 bill to insinuate that they are getting paid to favor M. Lhuillier.

Incidentally, Andaya and court partner Raleigh Relator were Manila-based referees who are members of the NCAA and UAAP pool of referees.

Magallanes denied the allegations. Spring officials, citing inept officiating, put the blame on the referees for their walkout.

A foul call by the referee on Co, a former collegiate superstar in Cebu, who tried to stop M. Lhuillier's Tata Fernandez, sparked a howl of protest from the Spring bench.

Meanwhile, Guardo-Pampanga Stars bagged third place following a 67-64 win over ML Kwarta Padala.

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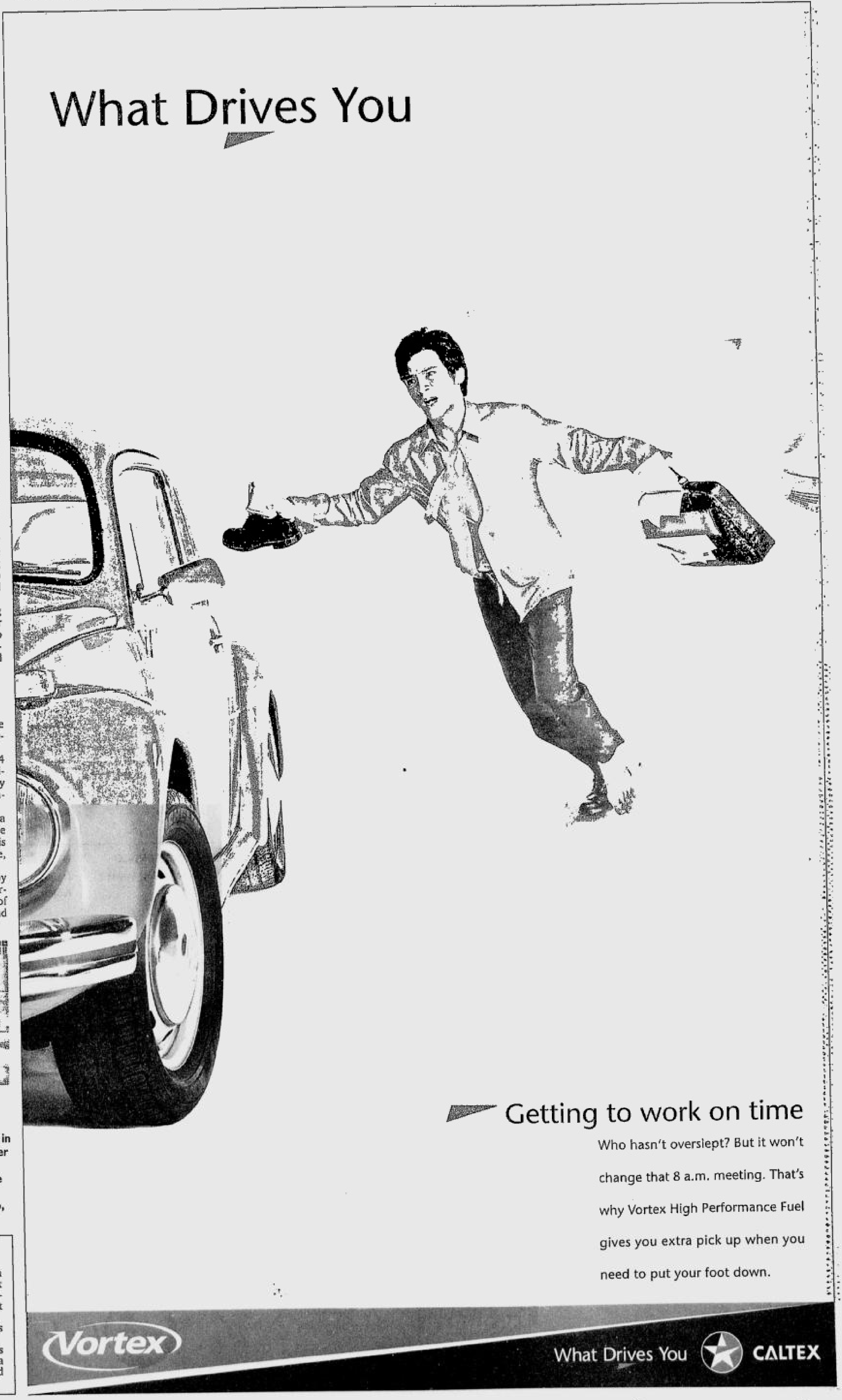

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Students sue FEU for extending curriculum

By Philip C. Tubeza

ABOUT 200 BS Accounting students of the Far Eastern University (FEU) filed a P68-million damage suit against the school before the Manila Regional Trial Court after the school added another school year to their curriculum.

The students, all members of Batch '97, are asking for damages saying they would have graduated and found work if not for the additional year, according to their counsel, Sanlakas lawyer JV Bautista.

The Commission on Higher Education, in a document signed by Director Amelia A. Biglete, said the new five-year accountancy program is applicable only to freshmen for school year 1998-1999. But FEU administration claimed there was a typographical error in the document and that it should have read "effective SY 1997-1999," the students said.

They said they also did not get help from CHEd, which told them to go to court because the commission "did not want to interfere."

To emphasize their plight, the students filed the case as indigents, claming they did not have enough money to pay court dues for the filing of the class suit. They also asked the court for a temporary restraining order on a scheduled "comprehensive exams" this Tuesday.

The students said the tests were meant to lessen the number of graduating accounting students and to ensure that the university would get a higher passing rate in the board exams "at the expense of the students," according to their lawyer.

Student Rosemarie Ramos said they earlier tried to settle their complaints with the FEU administration by asking that they be allowed to graduate even without getting a reimbursement for their tuition.

The school did not listen, she said.

MANILA'S FINEST HOPING

'All we need is justice'

By Philip C. Tubeza

"WE just want to get justice."

This was the reaction of the Manila's Finest Brotherhood Association Inc. (MFBAI) following reports that Metro Manila mayors rallied around the Metro Manila police chief, Director Edgar Aglipay.

"We just want to get justice," SPO1 Virgo Villareal, MFBAI spokesperson, told the Inquirer. "We also want reforms but not at the expense of innocent policemen. Reforms should not be superficial.

"The mayors support him, but we hope this support should not be (indiscriminate)," Villareal added.

He said the MFBAI hopes National Police Commission (Napolcom) executive commissioner Rogelio Pureza would act decisively if police officials still do not follow the Napolcom memo ordering that the transfer of policemen be stopped and the reassigned lawmen be sent back to their mother units.

The MFBAI is composed of more than 3,000 Manila policemen with the rank of SPO4 and below.

Pureza gave Aglipay and the Western Police District police officials up to next week to implement the Napolcom order. He told the INQUIRER that he would take legal action against the police officials if the memo is still not followed.

"Those transferred should be recalled," Villareal said. "Let us have a hearing if they are really scalawags. We know many scalawags and they were not affected."

He said those transferred were guilty of minor offenses like absence during roll call formations or wearing incomplete uniform.

"They should have been charged, suspended, or their pay forfeited if they were guilty, and not transferred," Villareal said.

But Chief Supt. Nicolas Pasinos Jr., head of the WPD, said the PNP leadership "has studied this" and that they have found out that the suspension of erring policemen and the forfeiture of their pay are not effective disciplinary measures.

"Many of them have their pay already allocated in advance for the payment of their loans," Pasinos said. "Some of them get only P500 per payday.

"They'll just be happy if they are suspended since they will be able to rest," he added. "Some of them also have other 'jobs.'"

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AGLIPAY (right) lends an ear to Western Police District chief Pasinos during a meeting with Manila residents in Quiapo, Manila.

ERIK ARAZAS

Rumble in Malate: 1 killed

By Philip C. Tubeza

A YOUNG man was stabbed dead and two of his companions were seriously injured after 10 men ganged up on them after the victim's group came from a band audition in a bar in Malate, Manila early yesterday.

Killed was Roberto Juntaneza Jr., 19, while his friends Erwin Santos, 20, and Jose Victorio Rey Lara, 25, were injured, said Detective Edgardo Ko of the Western Police District homicide section. All victims were from San Andres Bukid, Manila.

Police said the attack happened around 2 a.m. yesterday at the corner of J. Bocobo and Pedro Gil streets in front of the Manila Midtown Hotel in Malate.

Juntaneza's group had just come from a band audition at the Wave bar on J. Nakpil Street when a red car, with the word "Boss" written on its side, suddenly pulled over in front of the group, police said.

Two of the three men on board the car alighted and asked Juntaneza's group if they had any problem, police said. When Juntaneza's group ignored them, the two men returned to their car which then sped away.

But while Juntaneza's group was waiting for a jeepney ride on Pedro Gil, 10 men suddenly appeared and ganged up on them with wooden paddles with nails at the edges, knives and other bladed weapons, police said. Juntaneza was stabbed.

Doctors said Juntaneza's two wounded friends were still under observation. Lara was stabbed in the back, and Santos was stabbed in the left arm.

Marikina forbids young ones from smoking in public

By Nelson F. Flores

MARIKINA City Mayor Ma. Lourdes Fernando yesterday ordered the strict implementation of the anti-smoking ordinance for minors following the establishment of the city's Anti-Smoking Coordinating Council.

Fernando ordered local police and barangay officials to strictly implement City Ordinance No. 201, which prohibits minors from smoking, and City Ordinance No. 200, which prohibits all commercial and business establishments from selling tobacco products and paraphernalia to minors.

She said smoking has been proven to be a major cause of cancer and respiratory related diseases and must be put out of reach of minors to ensure their good health.

To stress her point, Fernando cited the results of the monitoring done by the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, which showed that from Oct. 25, 1999 to May 4, 2001 alone, the number of people who died due to smoking reached the 6,135,453 mark.

Fernando said it would be ironic for Marikina, which is the pilot area of the Healthy Cities Program of the World Health Organization, to have a high mortality rate from smoking-related diseases. She said the city government, through the Anti-Smoking Council, will conduct a massive information campaign against smoking, tobacco and related products.

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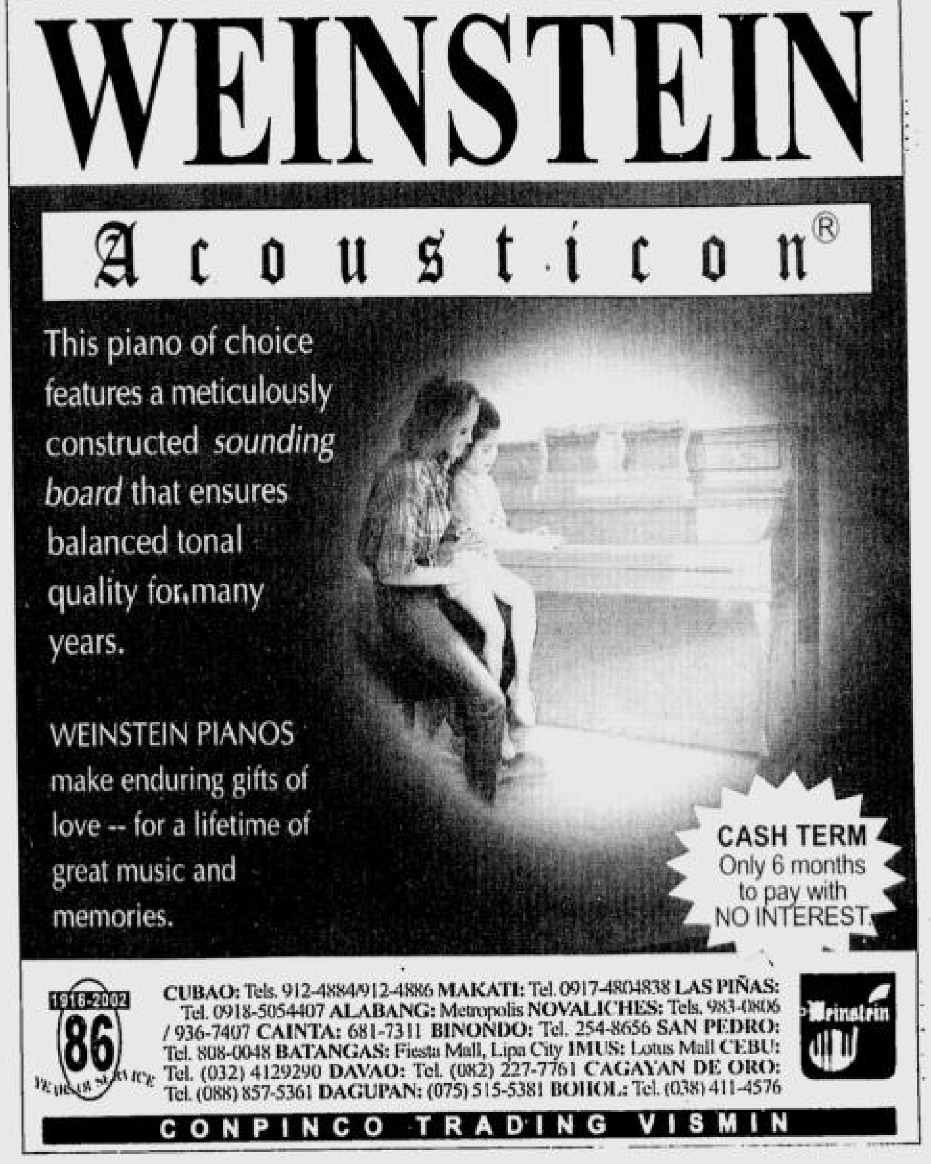

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THE DAILY GOSPEL

Saturday, March 2, 2002
2nd Week of Lent

1st Reading: **Mic 7:14-15, 18-20**
Gospel: **Lk 15:1-3, 11-32**

Tax collectors and sinners were seeking the company of Jesus, all of them eager to hear what he had to say. But the Pharisees and the scribes frowned at this, muttering. "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So Jesus told them this parable: Jesus continued, "There was a man with two sons. The younger said to his father: 'Give me my share of the estate.' So the father divided his property between them.

Some days later, the younger son gathered all his belongings and started off for a distant land where he squandered his wealth in loose living. Having spent everything, he was hard pressed when a severe famine broke out in that land. So he hired himself out to a well-to-do citizen of that place and was sent to work on a pig farm. So famished was he that he longed to fill his stomach even with the food given to the pigs, but no one offered him anything.

Finally coming to his senses, he said: 'How many of my father's hired workers have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will get up and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against God and before you. I no longer deserve to be called your son. Treat me then as one of your hired servants.' With that thought in mind he set off for his father's house.

He was still a long way off when his father caught sight of him. His father was so deeply moved with compassion that he ran out to meet him, threw his arms around his neck and kissed him. The son said: 'Father, I have sinned against Heaven and before you. I no longer deserve to be called your son . . .'

But the father turned to his servants: 'Quick! Bring out the finest robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and kill it. We shall celebrate and have a feast, for this son of mine was dead and has come back to life. He was lost and is found.' And the celebration began.

Meanwhile, the elder son had been working in the fields. As he returned and was near the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what it was all about. The servant answered: 'Your brother has come home safe and sound, and your father is so happy about it that he has ordered this celebration and killed the fattened calf.'

The elder son became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and pleaded with him. The indignant son said: 'Look, I have slaved for you all these years. Never have I disobeyed your orders. Yet you have never given me even a young goat to celebrate with my friends. Then when this son of yours returns after squandering your property with loose women, you kill the fattened calf for him.'

The father said: 'My son, you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But this brother of yours was dead, and has come back to life. He was lost and is found. And for that we had to rejoice and be glad.'"

Commentary:

This one can be short-listed for "best story in the gospel" contest. Good news! All the traditional rules—you get what you deserve—are stood on their head. Look at this boy. He had everything and took it as his by right. He blew it all having fun. And not only does he NOT get what he deserves, he gets more than he asks for. Is God more than a bit crazy? But wait, there does seem to be a catch, or at least a condition. We must come home. And we must face the truth. "I am not worthy . . ." "Be merciful to me a sinner . . ." "I do not deserve . . ." People who say this and mean it seem to be all powerful with God. "There will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety nine upright who do not need to repent." (Lk 15:7)

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SUPREME COURT GUIDELINES

CIVIL LAW (SPECIAL CONTRACTS: SALES)—Contract of sales—Article 1458 of the New Civil Code provides: "By the contract of sale of the contracting parties obligates himself to transfer the ownership of and to deliver a determinate thing, and the other to pay therefore a price certain in money or its equivalent." It is essential that the vendors be the owners the property sold otherwise they cannot dispose that which does not belong to them. As the Romans put it: *"Nemo dat quod non habet."* No one can give more than what he has. The sale of the realty to respondents is null and void insofar as it prejudiced petitioners' interests and participation therein. At best, only the ownership of the shares of petitioners Luisa, Maria and Guillerma in the disputed property could have been transferred to respondents. [Citations omitted.] [Justice Bellosillo, Second Division, Heirs of Ingjugtiro v. Spouses Casals, G.R. No. 134718, August 20, 2001]

DIGEST BY R.B. VERA

CA upholds customs chief on Bibit case

ON TARGET

Ramon Tulfo

THE COURT of Appeals has ordered an ignoramus judge in Olongapo City not to meddle in the prerogative of Customs Commissioner Titus Villanueva to reassign subordinates whenever and wherever he pleases.

The judge had restrained the customs chief from reassigning Subic Port Customs Collector Billy Bibit to the Clark Economic Zone.

The judge granted Bibit's petition to remain in his post despite an order from his superiors in Manila for him to move over to Clark.

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The appellate court's decision is significant in that it can also apply to other government agencies whose officials or employees refuse orders from higher-ups for them to be reassigned.

In effect, the decision also rebuffed the Olongapo City judge for meddling in purely internal matters at the customs bureau.

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But Bibit still refuses to vacate his position despite the appellate court resolution.

A court sheriff tried to serve the Court of Appeals order on Bibit but he was reportedly given the runaround by Bibit's subordinates at the Subic Freeport. They even made fun of him by pointing to the wrong guy as Bibit.

As a result, Bibit was not served the court order.

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This brings us to the question: Why does Bibit want to remain at the Subic freeport even to the extent of disobeying an order form the Court of Appeals?

The answer is obvious: he wants to enjoy the perks and privileges of being Subic freeport chief. One of such privileges is getting to know smugglers who pay big amounts so their goods will not to be seized.

My sources at the Subic freeport say Bibit was waiting for the arrival of some highly dutiable imported goods for which he has already been paid.

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Bibit's refusal to vacate his post is a slap on the Macapagal-Arroyo administration.

Bibit's claim to fame is the alleged participation of his group, the Rebolusyonaryong Alyansang Makabansa (RAM), in installing GMA in Malacañang.

This is cow dung, of course, but Bibit has not squelched rumors that GMA is afraid of displeasing the RAM, that's why she has adopted a hands-off policy in the Subic freeport controversy.

May utang na loob daw si GMA sa RAM kaya't hindi siya puwedeng paalisin sa Subic.

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There's a joke that policemen in Metro Manila are more efficient than those in New York, Hong Kong and Singapore.

In New York, so the joke goes, the police arrive at the crime scene five minutes after they receive the alarm. Hong Kong cops are even faster because they get to the crime scene in three minutes. Policemen in Singapore arrive two minutes.

In Metro Manila, cops are at the scene in two seconds flat. Why? Because they are the criminals themselves!

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That joke, which has become worn-out because it has been told and retold so many times, became a reality in what I would call the Provido incident.

Edward Provido, a messenger of a money changing shop on Libertad Street, Pasay City, was shot dead by armed men when he refused to hand over to them P890,000 cash. The amount, placed in a bag, was the money shop's earnings for the day. Provido was to have delivered the money to the shop owner's house, a few blocks away.

Witnesses identified the suspects in the robbery-homicide as PO3 Felimon Batula and SPO2 Milanio Advincula, both members of the elite SWAT of the Pasay City police.

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Batula and Advincula, of course, denied the accusations against them. They said they were patrolling the area when they noticed a commotion.

The two cops said they saw armed men struggling with Provido for the possession of a bag. The police officers said they saw the armed men shoot Provido.

They gave chase, the cops said, but they didn't catch the robbers.

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At least two witnesses swear they saw Batula and Advincula at the scene, not as peace officers but as robbers and killers.

Who would you believe, the two policemen or the witnesses?

If you believe the two cops' story, what planet did you come from?

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This columns pays tribute to the American soldiers who died recently when their Chinook helicopter crashed in the waters off Negros Oriental.

But we also condemn some leftists who claim to be nationalists who gloat over the death of the US soldiers. They're not only being unchristian, they're trying to help the cause of the Abu Sayyaf for which the Americans are here in the first place.

Ano kaya kung sa kanila mangyayari ang sakuna?

Strawberry slay probe gave more questions than answers, says cop

By Christian V. Esguerra and TJ Burgonio

THE CONCLUSION of the two-month investigation of the killing of former child actress Strawberry in Las Piñas last December appeared to have left "more questions that beg to be answered," according to a ranking police officer.

The officer yesterday said the results of the investigation, which recommended the filing of criminal charges against the Picar family, "provided more questions than answers" as to who killed Anouk Baldo, the former child actress known as Strawberry.

The Criminal Detection and Investigation Group on Wednesday concluded that it was the Picars and a family friend—not Baldo's boyfriend June Mark Doromal—who fired the shot that killed Strawberry.

Authorities yesterday filed murder charges against five members of the Picar family for the Dec. 18 killing, saying they have sufficient evidence to pin the suspects down for murder.

Baldo's family decided to go ahead with the filing of the charges against Reynaldo Picar, his wife Corazon, sons Ryan, Ronald and Glenn, and family friend Lulette Rogers. The charges were lodged with the city prosecutor's office instead of the justice department as earlier reported.

On top of the murder charges, the CIDG also filed two counts of attempted murder against the six for allegedly attacking Baldo's boyfriend Doromal and his escort, Marfie Arabani.

"We have sufficient evidence to hold them liable," said Jose Ramon Remollo, counsel for Baldo's family. "We have evidence to engender the well-founded belief that the crime of murder has been committed by the Picars."

He cited witnesses' accounts and physical evidence gathered by investigators, which showed that the bullet that killed Baldo came from the Picars.

But a police official who refused to be named said the CIDG's findings did not agree with the accounts of the six independent witnesses found by the Southern Police District and the National Bureau of Investigation.

Witnesses in the custody of SPD and NBI previously pointed to Doromal and his security escorts as the ones who accidentally fired the shot that killed Baldo during a traffic altercation at the entrance of BF West Executive Village.

Las Piñas investigators also expressed doubt over Doromal's innocence since he and his men refused to turn themselves over to police immediately after the incident.

They waited for a few days before they showed up at the NBI, triggering speculations that they have gone into hiding and were buying time to wash away traces of gunpowder in their hands in case one of them actually fired a shot.

The Picar family went to the Las Piñas police headquarters on the same day Baldo was shot and volunteered to undergo paraffin tests. Results of these tests later yielded negative results.

Doromal's "unusual response" to the incident, and the accounts of most of the witnesses pointing to Baldo's boyfriend and his security aides as the alleged guilty party were not completely settled by the composite investigating team probing the Baldo slay, according to the police official.

"But now that the investigation has been officially concluded, it's up to the court to resolve these issues and find out who really killed Strawberry," he said.

The CIDG announced the resolution of the case on Wednesday. The actress' father, Oscar Baldo, and his lawyers decided to file the charges with the Las Piñas prosecutor's office after consulting with Supt. Agrifino Javier, CIDG chief investigator, who said it was the "more appropriate venue."

Also present in the meeting was Quezon Rep. Maite Defensor, former boss of Strawberry.

The elder Baldo said he was not surprised the police found the Picars liable for the killing of his 24-year-old daughter, adding he would also not have been surprised if the police pinned down Doromal for the crime.

"To me, they are the suspects," he told reporters.

Rapist gets life term

By Agnes E. Donato

A QUEZON City judge has sentenced a welder to life imprisonment after finding him guilty of raping twice the sister of his employer two years ago.

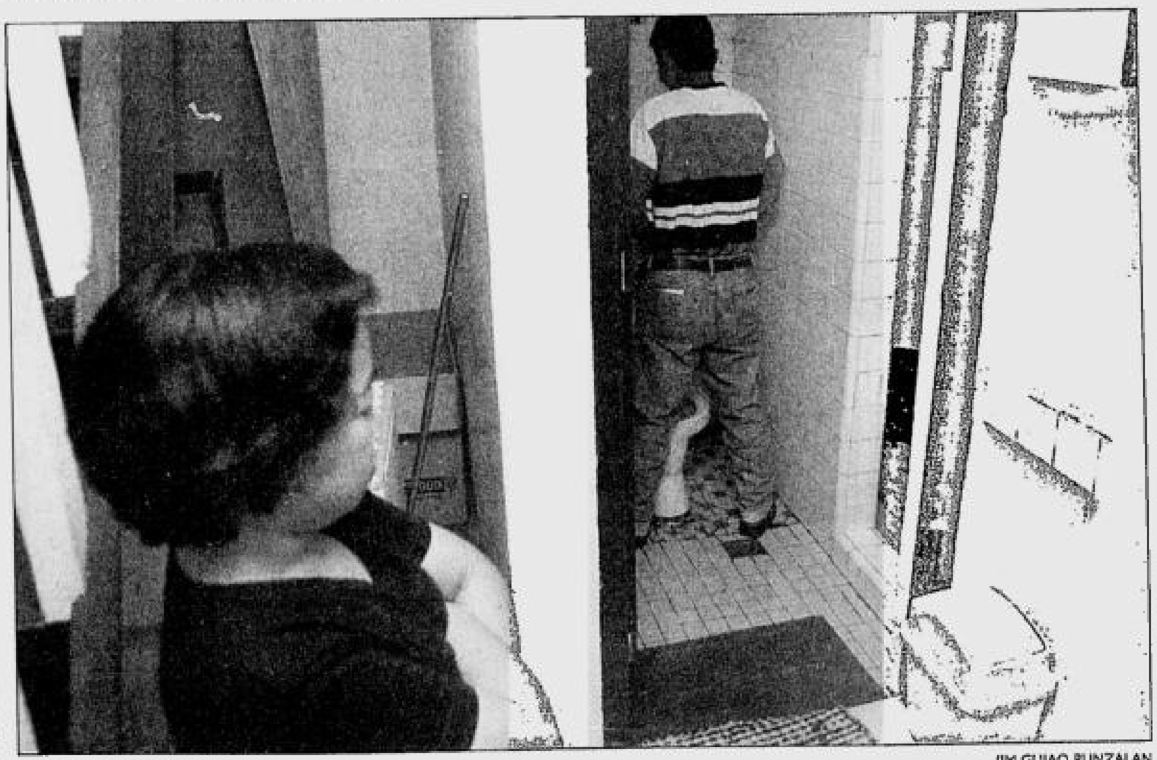
Judge Jose Mendoza of the QC Regional Trial Court Branch 219 found guilty Erwin Bolledo of rape and sexual assault and ordered him to pay his 21-year-old victim P150,000 in indemnification and moral damages.

Records showed that Bolledo had raped twice the woman, who was visiting her sister in her house on Commonwealth Avenue in Quezon City in April 2000.

Bolledo was then working as a stay-in helper of his victim's sister, the records said. Taking advantage of his employer's absence when she went to Bicol to attend a fiesta, Bolledo raped her sister inside her room about 2 a.m. of April 26, the records said.

In her testimony, the woman said she resisted Bolledo and shouted for help, but was not heard because the loud volume of a television and a karaoke drowned her cries. She said she was not able to report immediately the rape to police since she was new at the place and knew Bolledo to be a barangay officer.

Bolledo again sexually abused her about 2:30 a.m. on April 29, the victim said.



JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

TIGHT WATCH

The unidentified woman, a nurse, is not waiting for her turn to use the toilet. She is making sure the man will not switch urine samples as he undergoes a drug test as part of his application for a driver's license, at the main Land Transportation Office in Quezon City. Transportation Secretary Pantaleon Alvarez ordered the close monitoring following reports that applicants have been switching urine samples to avoid detection of drug use.

'All we need . . .

From page A21

Pureza earlier ordered the PNP to stop the transfers and reassign the transferred lawmen to their original units.

"(Police officials) have been reassigning policemen outside their police stations, districts, and even their own regions, without prior notice and summary hearing in violation of their right to due process under the law," Pureza had said.

"The imposition of the penalty of transfer is also of doubtful legality since it is not included in the enumeration of penalties which the Regional Director may impose (under Rep. Act No. 8551)," he said.

"Moreover, the arbitrary transfer of PNP personnel to places where they are complete strangers is counter-productive and violates the principle of assigning PNP members to places where they reside or are nearest to their residence."

He said that police officials should "desist from performing arbitrary relief and reassignments in the future, and be reminded that other PNP units should never be the tapunan (dumping ground) of perceived undesirables."

Thursday, Metro Manila mayors said they were in full support of Aglipay in his drive to reassign to the provinces policemen found to be absent, tardy or in improper uniform during roll call formations.

Pasay City Mayor Wenceslao "Peewee" Trinidad, spokesperson for the Metro Mayors League, said they approved a resolution expressing their full support for Aglipay in their meeting Thursday.

"Aglipay has the full support of the Metro Mayors League in the ongoing tactical movement, reassignment and transfer of abusive police personnel to ensure public safety in Metropolitan Manila," Trinidad said.

MML chair and Manila Mayor Lito Atienza complained that the public blames local officials and not the police hierarchy for any deterioration in the peace and order situation in the city.

"The Metro Manila Council recognizes the necessity and urgency of the deployment of a more efficient, responsible, decent and dignified and professional members of the police to manage and supervise the peace and order situation in Metro Manila," Atienza said.

The MMC is comprised of the 17 Metro Manila mayors and the presidents of the Metro Manila Vice Mayors League and of the Councilors League.

Aglipay thanked the mayors for their support and said he would continue reassigning the policemen, but he qualified that new assignments would be in Metro Manila only and not the provinces.

"They (mayors) said I could continue with my tactical transfer deployment and they will support me but I must consult with them every time," Aglipay said.

Towing firm defies Peewee

By Christian V. Esguerra

THE VEHICLE-TOWING service firm accused of "terrorizing" Pasay motorists has reportedly defied city Mayor Wenceslao Trinidad's order for it to stop its illegal activities.

Business owners yesterday complained that the Magallanes-Makati Towing and Wreckage Service continues to indiscriminately seize vehicles parked on Edsa in Malibay, even after Trinidad on Thursday ordered local police to arrest employees of the towing firm for their illegal operations.

The mayor said the firm has no business impounding vehicles parked in the area, especially when the drivers and owners are in the vehicles.

But yesterday, a business owner complained that members of the firm continued to tow vehicles and extort money from their owners from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

He said the firm manages to haul legally parked vehicles because there are no police officers in the area to carry out Trinidad's order.

On Wednesday, around 50 businessmen, residents and owners of construction supply and hardware shops in the area filed a complaint with the mayor's office against the abusive towing firm.

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8	MOTHMAN PROPHECIES
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10	BATAS NG LANSANGAN

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1	IKAW LAMANG . . .
2	MOTHMAN PROPHECIES
3	RAT RACE
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5	BATAS NG LANSANGAN
6	GOT 2 BELIEVE
7	13 GHOST
8	GOT 2 BELIEVE
9	BATAS NG LANSANGAN
10	COLLATERAL DAMAGE
11	HINOG SA PILIT
12	SHALLOW HAL

SM CITY MANILA
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1	SHALLOW HAL
2	COLLATERAL DAMAGE
3	MOTHMAN PROPHECIES
4	ALI
5	KATE & LEOPOLD
6	13 GHOSTS
7	GOT 2 BELIEVE
8	RAT RACE
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12	GOT 2 BELIEVE

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1	BLACK HAWK DOWN
2	COLLATERAL DAMAGE
3	13 GHOST
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5	SHALLOW HAL
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7	RAT RACE
8	BATAS NG LANSANGAN
9	GOT 2 BELIEVE
10	BATAS NG LANSANGAN
11	GOT 2 BELIEVE
12	IKAW LAMANG . . .

SM CITY NORTH EDSA
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1	SHALLOW HAL
2	BATAS NG LANSANGAN
3	BATAS NG LANSANGAN
4	GOT 2 BELIVE
5	GOT 2 BELIVE
6	ALI
7	COLLATERAL DAMAGE
8	13 GHOSTS
9	CLOSED
10	CLOSED
11	CLOSED
12	CLOSED

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1	BATAS NG LANSANGAN
2	SHALLOW HAL
3	ALI
4	GOT 2 BELIEVE
5	RAT RACE
6	MOTHMAN PROPHECIES
7	BATAS NG LANSANGAN
8	13 GHOSTS
9	COLLATERAL DAMAGE
10	GOT 2 BELIEVE

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1	LORD OF THE RINGS
2	FROM HELL
3	THE OTHERS
4	RIDING IN CARS . . .
5	BATAS NG LANSANGAN
6	ALI
7	GOT 2 BELIEVE
8	COLLATERAL DAMAGE

SM CITY ILOILO
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1	CORKY ROMANO
2	CLOSED
3	FROM HELL
4	IKAW LAMANG . . .
5	GOT 2 BELIEVE
6	DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE
7	CLOSED
8	COLLATERAL DAMAGE

SM CITY PAMPANGA
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1	MOTHMAN PROPHECIES
2	PELIKULA AT LIPUNAN
3	FROM HELL
4	BATAS NG LANSANGAN
5	BATAS NG LANSANGAN
6	GOT 2 BELIEVE

SM SUPER CTR. SUCAT
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1	13 GHOSTS
2	GOT 2 BELIEVE
3	BATAS NG LANSANGAN
4	ALI

SM CINEMA GUADALUPE
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1	GOT 2 BELIEVE
2	BATAS NG LANSANGAN
3	ALI

SM CINEMA TUTUBAN
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1	13 GHOSTS
2	BATAS NG LANSANGAN
3	GOT 2 BELIEVE
4	ALI

SM CITY DAVAO
2976998

1	FROM HELL
2	ALI
3	COLLATERAL DAMAGE
4	MARSHALL DICK
5	GOT 2 BELIEVE
6	RIDING IN CARS

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5 (GOLD) (DOLBY)	ALI
6 (GOLD) (SDDS)	13 GHOSTS
7 (GOLD) (DOLBY)	ALI
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9	BATAS NG LANSANGAN
10	MOTHMAN PROPHECIES

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2	
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4	SHALLOW HAL
5	
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2	13 GHOSTS
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3	COLLATERAL DAMAGE
4 (DOLBY DIGITAL)	13 GHOSTS
5	HINOG SA PILIT

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2	HINOG SA PILIT
3	BATAS NG LANSANGAN
4	GOT 2 BELIEVE
5	ALI
6	13 GHOSTS
7	RESERVE
8	RESERVE

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5	GOT 2 BELIEVE
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8 (SDDS)	13 GHOSTS
9 (DOLBY)	ALI

Gotesco Caloocan
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2	BATAS NG LANSANGAN

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2	BATAS NG LANSANGAN
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4 (SDDS)	GOT 2 BELIEVE
5	GOT 2 BELIEVE
6 (DOLBY)	ALI
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8	COLLATERAL DAMAGE
9	HINOG SA PILIT

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6	BATAS NG LANSANGAN
7 (DOLBY)	ALI
8	HINOG SA PILIT

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3	13 GHOSTS

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3	RESERVE
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5	ALI

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2	GOT 2 BELIEVE
3	13 GHOSTS
4	RESERVE
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6	HINOG SA PILIT

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3 (DOLBY)	13 GHOSTS
4	BATAS NG LANSANGAN

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2 (DOLBY)	13 GHOSTS
3 (DTS)	GOT 2 BELIEVE
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2	BATAS NG LANSANGAN
3 (DOLBY)	GOT 2 BELIEVE
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3	GOT 2 BELIEVE
4 (DTS)	13 GHOSTS

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2	GOT 2 BELIEVE
3 (DTS)	13 GHOSTS
4	HINOG SA PILIT
5	ALI

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2	GOT 2 BELIEVE
3	13 GHOSTS

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2	BATAS NG LANSANGAN
3	GOT 2 BELIEVE

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2	BATAS NG LANSANGAN
3	KAULAYAW

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1	GOT 2 BELIEVE
2	BATAS NG LANSANGAN
3	

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2 (DTS)	BATAS NG LANSANGAN

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2	GOT 2 BELIEVE
3	BATAS NG LANSANGAN

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3	FROM HELL
4	GOT 2 BELIEVE

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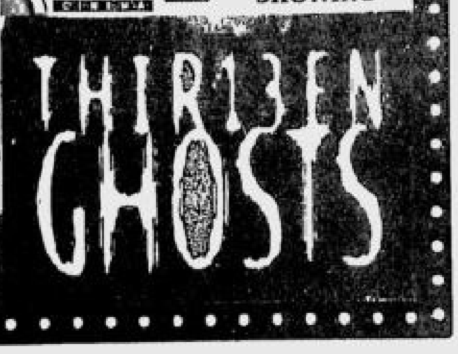

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8	VANILLA SKY
9	BATAS NG LANSANGAN
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2	RAT RACE
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5	HEARTS IN ATLANTIS
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3	DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE
4	GOT 2 BELIEVE
5	KATE & LEOPOLD
6	

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Corrections bureau man accused of falsification

THE DIRECTOR of the Bureau of Corrections has been charged with falsifying his birth certificate to obtain a government position.

An employee of the New Bilibid Prisons on Thursday filed charges of graft and falsification of public documents against retired Col. Ricardo Macala before the Office of the Ombudsman.

In a complaint-affidavit, Supt. Rachel Ruelo of the New Bilibid Prisons alleged that Macala falsely declared his birth date as April 3, 1939 to secure his appointment as administrator of Lucena City, which took effect from Oct. 11, 1999 to May 11, 2001.

In several official documents, including his certificate of candidacy for mayor dated March 26, 1998, Macala allegedly declared his birth date as April 3, 1935.

Macala should not have qualified as Lucena City administrator and consequently as current prisons director since he is more than 65, the compulsory retirement age for government workers, according to Ruelo.

She alleged that Macala "blatantly and flagrantly violated the law...(and) consequently obtained and enjoyed benefits and emoluments from taxpayers' money." ***Christian V. Esguerra***

Woman nabbed for arson

MERLY Mejia was arrested by police yesterday in Makati City for trying to burn down her man's house.

Arson charges will be filed against Mejia for allegedly trying to set on fire the house of her former husband, retired Army sergeant Sgt. Jesus Pamales of Stag-Hunt St., Armor Village, Barangay East Rembo, police said.

Pamales told police he was asleep when a drunken Mejia knocked loudly on his door about 2:30 a.m. and demanded they talk.

Mejia continued to scream and, before he knew it, the screaming woman was already in his house, he said.

Pamales said while he was trying to get Mejia out of the house, she suddenly lighted a rag soaked in kerosene and threw this in his living room. ***Alcuin Papa***

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ALI MALL CINEPLEX-7(DOLBY)	IKAW LAMANG . . .
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REMAR	BATAS NG LANSANGAN
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MANDALUYONG CITY	
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CINEMA-6	KATE & LEOPOLD
CINEMA-7	IKAW LANG HANGGANG NGAYON
CINEMA-8	KUNG IKAW AY ISANG PANAGINIP
CINEMA-9 (DTS)	COLLATERAL DAMAGE
CINEMA-10 (DOLBY DIGITAL)	COLLATERAL DAMAGE
CINEMA-11(SDDS)	RIDING CARS w/ BOYS
CINEMA-12	VANILLA SKY
CINEMA-14	IKAW LANG HANGGANG NGAYON
CINEMA-15	IKAW LANG HANGGANG NGAYON
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CINEMA-2	13 GHOST
CINEMA-3	SHALLOW HAL
CINEMA-4	MOTHMAN PROPHECIES
CINEMA-5	GOT 2 BELIEVE
CINEMA-6	ALI
UNIWIDE METROMALL	
(LAS PINAS)	
CINEMA-1	
CINEMA-2	
CINEMA-4	
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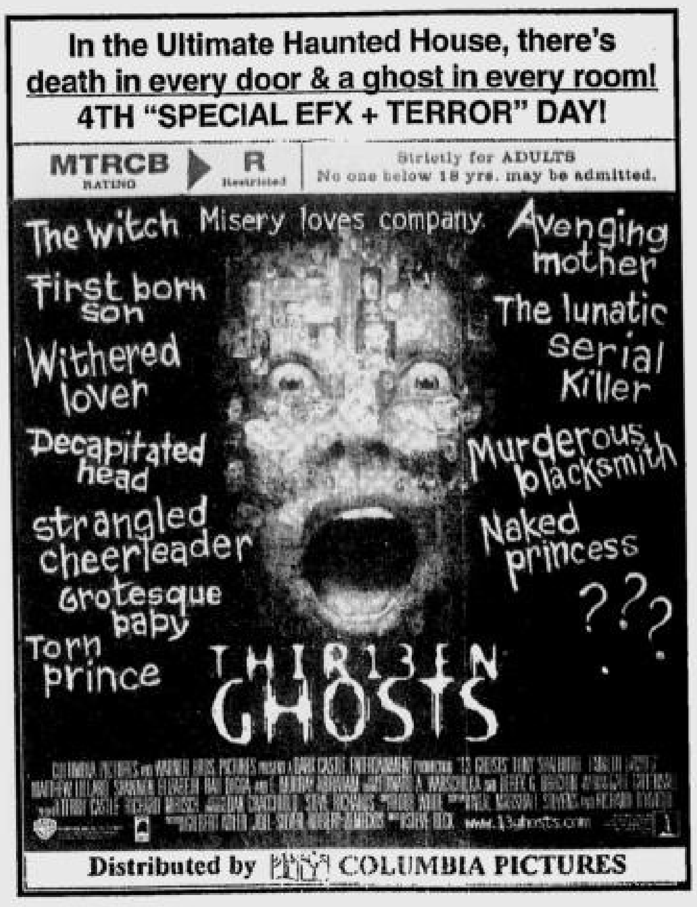
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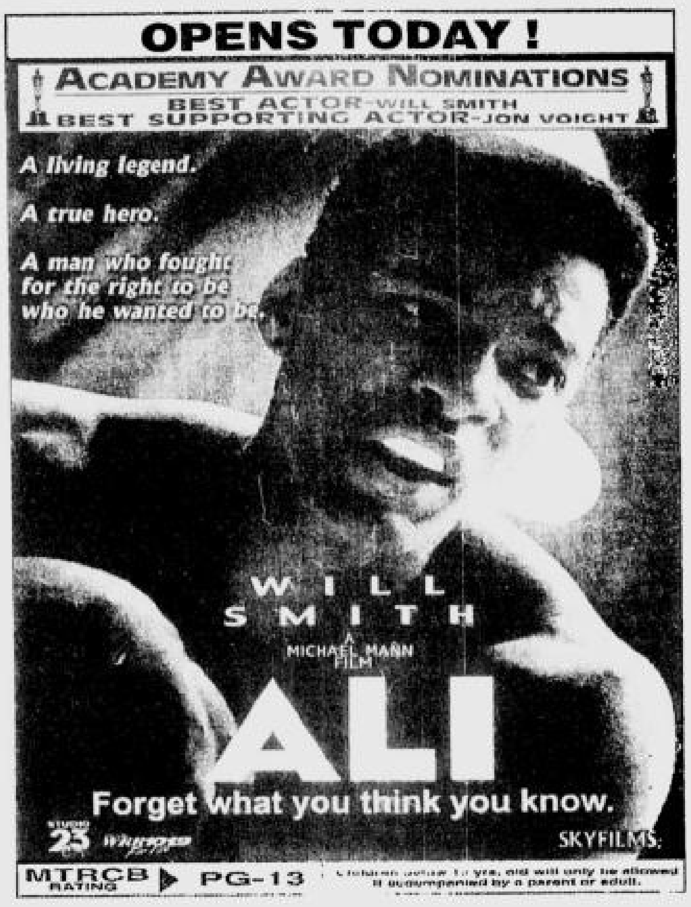
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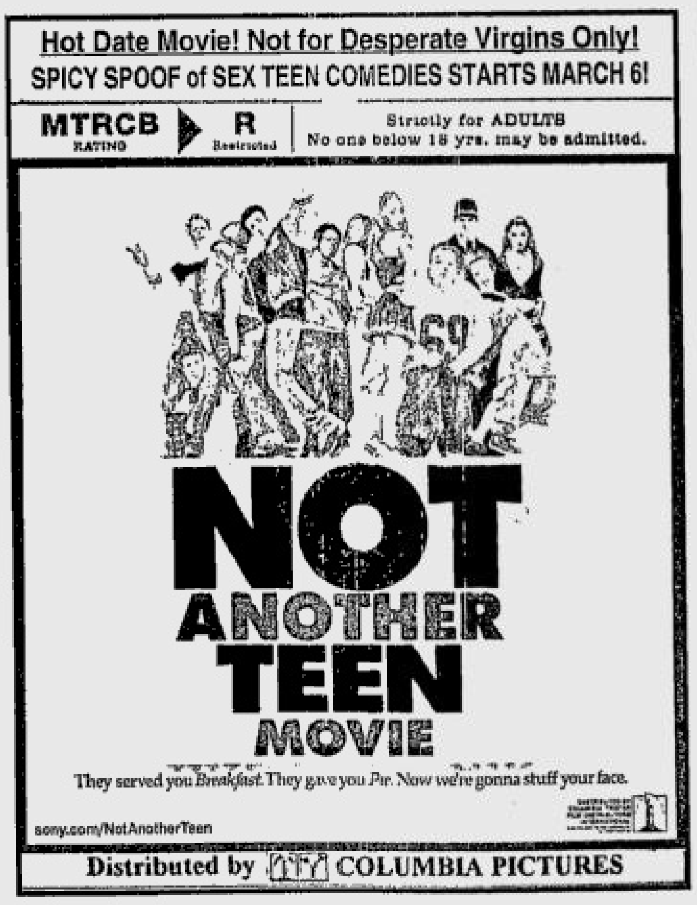
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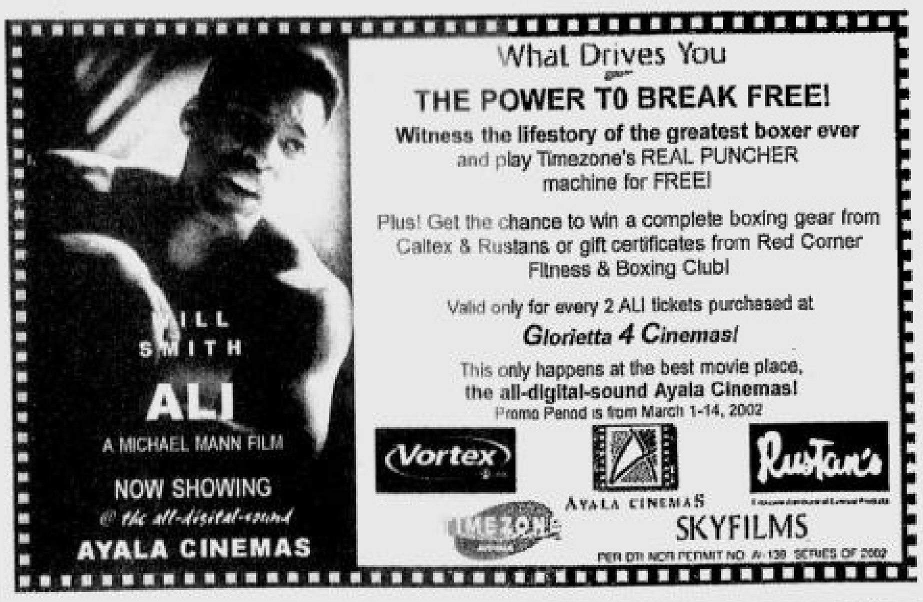
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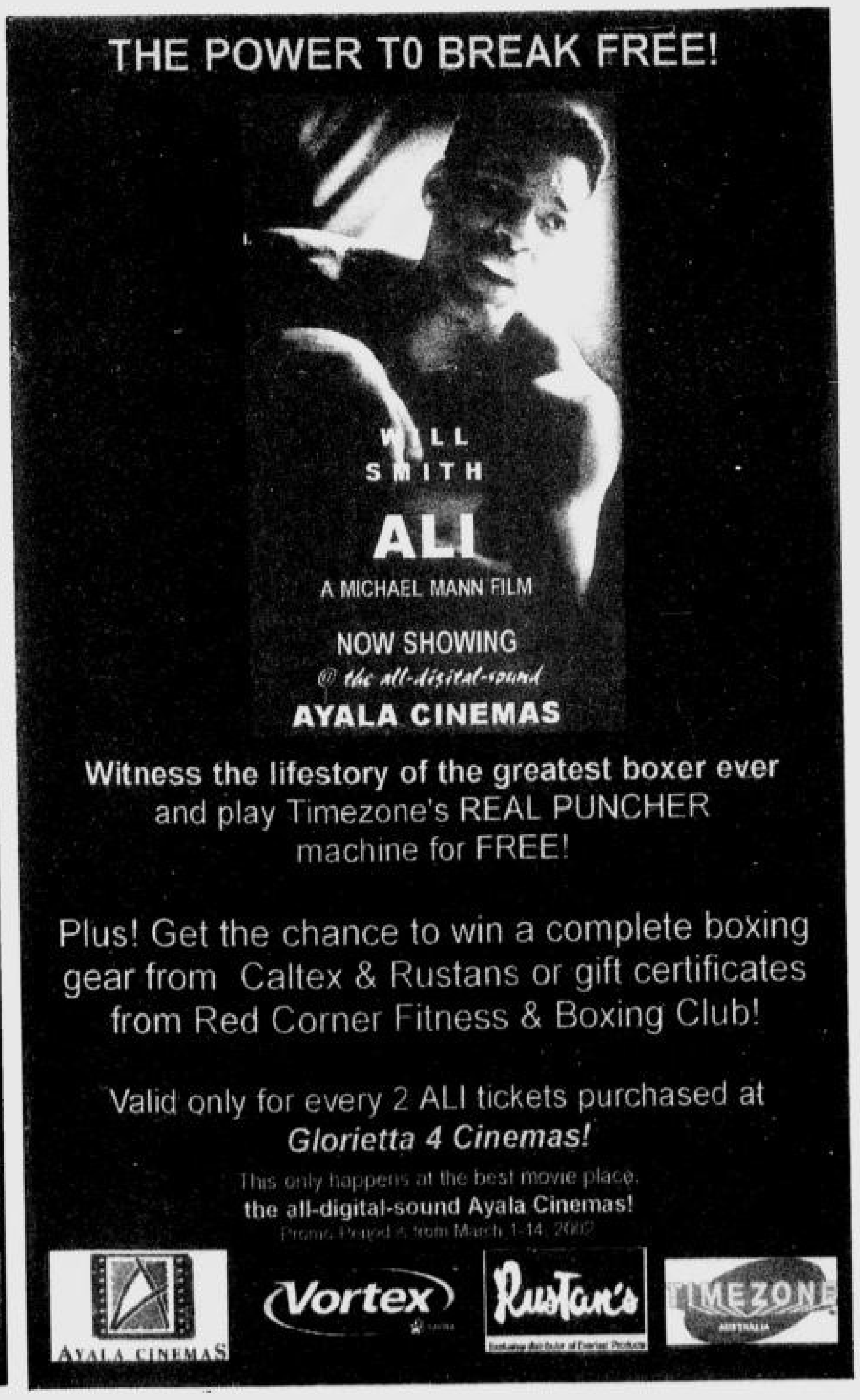
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Not just junk shops

**By Joey C. Papa
and Ana Ver-Papa
Contributors**

METRO Manila is host to many buyers of all sorts of used or discarded but valuable non-biodegradable waste resources, which, if mixed with biodegradable waste resources, would only turn into garbage. If incinerated, these resources would only contribute to poisonous, cancer-causing dioxin emissions.

The existence of these buyers, including the junk shops that have been all over the city probably since World War II, as well as recycling companies, should give the government very good reasons for setting aside incineration aside. In fact, there is every reason to further promote waste prevention and reduction, sorting and segregation at source, and refining technologies to recycle the numerous items into useful products for profitable enterprises.

Among the more organized or "reputable" junk shops, the Zero Kalat sa Kaunlaran (ZKK) Foundation deserves first mention, having been internationally recognized as the best recycling non-government organization in the First Asian Waste Management Excellence Awards held in Kuala Lumpur in November 2000.

ZKK buys almost all types of non-biodegradable waste from several communities. At the same time, it visits other communities all over the country to conduct lectures and set up a system for ecological solid waste management. ZKK also tries to upgrade design techniques for recycling, for example, waste paper into fashionable hats or bags. For the many individuals and groups who have been asking how to get in touch with the recycling NGO, ZKK may be contacted through telephone numbers 285-0650 and 286-5829.

The Metro Manila Federation of Environment Multi-Purpose Cooperatives, more popularly known as Linis-Ganda (727-1219), basically buys from households through eco-aides who collect paper, bottles, plastics, steel, galvanized iron sheets, aluminum, tin cans, computer cartridges, and car batteries.

'Dagdag-Kita'

The Quezon City Parks Development Foundation Inc., which holds office at the Quezon Memorial Circle (924-3395), is open to sellers of newspapers, used coupon bonds, empty softdrink cans, cartons, mineral water and other plastic containers. It is open every Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The foundation, headed by Charito Planas, also provides lectures on composting and urban agriculture conducted by Mang Erning Tagayon of the Zero Waste Recycling Movement of the Philippines.

Barangay Ugong in Pasig (671-4071) is another model buyer for used items as well as for developing its recycling operations into a viable enterprise for the people in its community. Its Bawas-Basura, Dagdag-Kita project buys used bottles, waste paper, steel, aluminum, tin cans, plastics, and eight types of batteries. The profit from its operations has provided capital and part of the maintenance expenses for its livelihood center.

Other recycling companies specialize in one or two materials.

For plastics, the Metro Manila Development Authority directory lists at least 25 recycling firms. One of these is worth mentioning for its focus on plastic sando bags, which are not usually bought by the other recycling establishments or junk shops. These kinds of plastic are found more in the canals and esteros, contributing greatly to flooding.

'Sando' bags

Asia-Plas Industries Corp. in Caloocan City (363-8832) is a small company that buys used but clean sando bags usually from the surrounding communities of Bagong Barrio, Quezon City, and Valenzuela, but it has also bought from a community as far as Quezon province.

The company melts the plastic bags into pellets that are used in the manufacture of the same kind of plastic.

Constant Batteries (292-8750, 293-27901, 292-2773) is another small business that accepts old batteries in exchange for new ones that it manufactures.

Although it is just about the equivalent of a backyard operation, the company has provisions for wastewater treatment and anti-pollution measures as required by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. Ariel Constantino, head of the company, explained that more and more small businesses like his are now more conscious of such provisions and mindful of the environment.

Other buyers of old batteries do not manufacture new ones but use the parts containing lead to make new spare parts for new batteries or for other uses such as for bullets and fish net weights.

On the more high-end side of recycling, which produces globally competitive products, is Trust International Paper Corp. (Tipco, 892-9781 to 96, local 342), which has an office in Makati and a plant in Barangay Bundazol, Mabalacat, Pampanga. The person to contact at Tipco, Roland Pena, is also a member of the Zero Waste Recycling Movement of the Philippines Foundation Inc.

Tipco is the supplier of the newsprint used by the Philippine Daily Inquirer.

Another globally-competitive firm is Printing Images CtC Inc. (Makati office: 895-4994; Subic Bay Freeport Zone, 047-252 6012; and 0916-3053244), which recycles empty inkjet cartridges.

The company buys an average of 50,000 empty inkjet cartridges from local suppliers, including companies, institutions, and individuals. The company sells its re-manufactured inkjet cartridges to various buyers in Europe, the US, Australia, New Zealand and some parts of Asia. It is also a member of the International Imaging Technology Council.

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Desierto approves filing of charges vs Cavite schools superintendent

OMBUDSMAN Aniano A. Desierto has given the go-signal for the filing of charges against Cavite schools superintendent Dr. Leonora B. Ignacio for "gross dishonesty and conduct unbecoming of a public officialm," according to the office of Cavite Gov. Ayong Maliksi.

A report submitted by the Ombudsman's Fact-Finding and Intelligence Bureau (FFIB) said it recommended the prosecution of Ignacio based on information and evidence it gathered, according to Maliksi's office.

The report said the fact-finding bureau acquired documents showing that Ignacio "accumulated wealth beyond her means as District Superintendent," did not declare some properties under her name in her statement of assets, liabilities and networth (SALN) filed in 2000, and took part in financial transactions requiring the approval of her office.

The report said the investigators also received information that Ignacio "benefited from so many projects in the past using DECS (Department of Education, Culture & Sports) funds."

The report quoted the informant as saying that Ignacio "allegedly conducts meetings/seminars of all teachers in the province of Cavite at the Rodoraville Resort, which she owns, without the required bidding."

The report said that between December 2000 and Feb. 22, 2002 alone, three seminars were held at Ignacio's resort in Dasmariñas town.

Maliksi's office, quoting the report, said the seminars were attended by Ignacio's assistant superintendent, supervisor, school administrators and teachers, secondary school principals, and the division office staff. The seminars were held at the instance of Ignacio herself as school superintendent.

"The seminar expenses were charged against either the individual participant or the school's local fund," said the report quoted by Maliksi's office.

A source in the Ombudsman said a preliminary investigation would have to be completed before the formal filing of charges against Ignacio.

Ignacio, the same source said, will have to answer first both the criminal and administrative charges before the FFIB. "If the body finds prima facie evidence against her during the preliminary investigation, the cases will be filed in court," the source added.

The FFIB report said that Ignacio, in her 2000 SALN, declared her real properties at P1,143,801 or an increase of almost 400 percent from her assets in 1996. In 2000, she declared her personal and other properties at P1.490,000 or almost double the amount of the same properties she acquired only four years ago.

"Certainly, these assets/properties can never be acquired with her salary alone as school superintendent," said the FFIB report. "And of course, these were acquired in cash, including the brand-new Honda CRV in the amount of P980,000, for she declared no liabilities in the year 2000."

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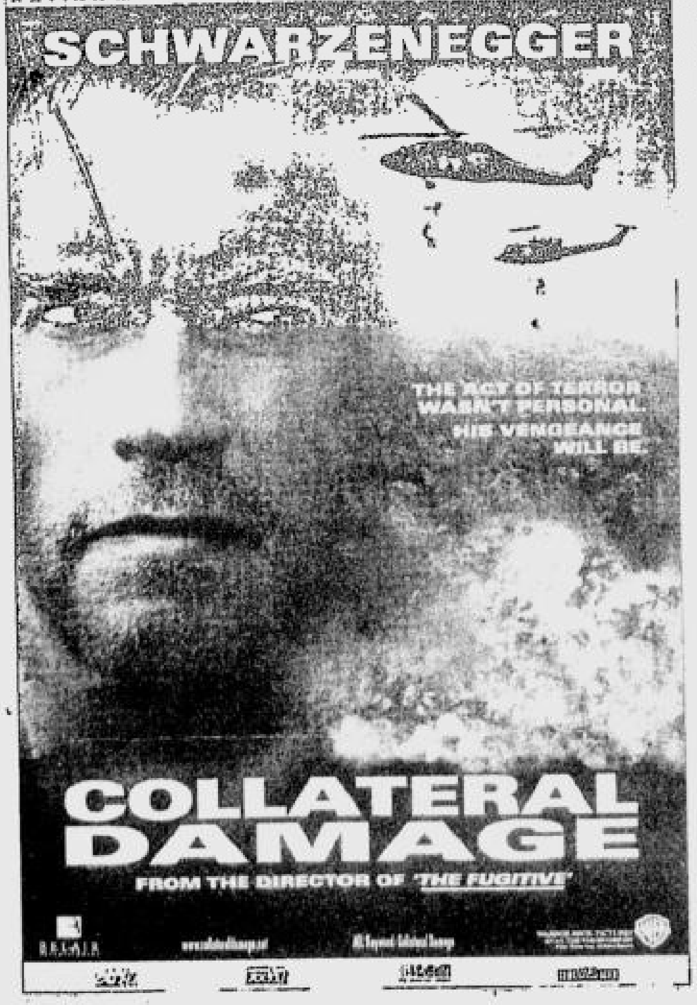
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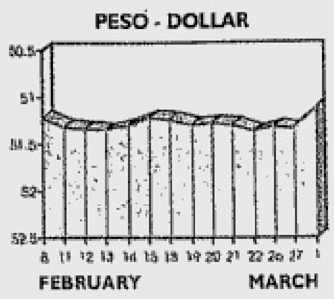

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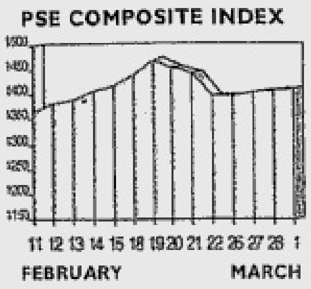

(See stock market report on Page B2)

Shares close mixed

SHARES closed mixed yesterday, with the main index mustering enough gains stay above its 1400-point immediate support, as the market continued to consolidate, traders said.

The 30-company Philippine Stock Exchange Index finished up 4.20 points, or 0.3 percent, at 1410.42, adding to Thursday's 0.2-percent rise.

"This is all part of the consolidation process. The market is gathering steam for the next run-up," said Astro del Castillo, director for the Association of Securities Analysts of the Philippines.

Del Castillo said comments earlier this week by Federal Reserve chair Alan Greenspan that the US economy is showing signs it is on the road to a steady economic recovery have also kept the market from suffering a sharp fall.

AP

By Clarissa S. Batino

THE MACAPAGAL administration has decided to go back to the long-term global bond market in the coming weeks to raise at least $500 million to finance its requirements as well as that of National Power Corp.

INQUIRER sources said the volume of the borrowing could even go up to as much as $1 billion.

A ranking finance official yesterday said the borrowing was evaluated by key finance and energy officials Thursday night but it would be Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho who would make the final decision.

The recommendation to Camacho, the source said, was to issue at least $500 million worth of seven-year global bonds.

The official said the size could initially reach $750 million depending on demand and of this, $250 million would be relent to Napocor. This would be similar to what the government had done in January when it relent a third of the 15-year global bond proceeds worth $750 million to the power firm.

Market sources said the government would award a mandate to three foreign investment banks to underwrite the planned borrowing.

Camacho declined to comment on the borrowing, saying that as far as he was concerned, the government has not entered into any deal yet.

A week ago, the government solicited offers from 13 investment banks to handle a possible $1-billion, long-term global bond float.

A source familiar with the situation said the government would keep half of the proceeds to help complete a $1.5-billion foreign-funding requirement this year and the other half would be relent to Napocor, which needed at least $750 million more for 2002.

Another source said the government bid out a $500-million, seven-year borrowing from the global market for Napocor and another $500-million, 10- or 17-year bonds for the national coffers.

The source said there was a plan to reopen the government's existing 20-year borrowing from the Yankee market. Part of the $800 million that the government had borrowed in March 2000 would mature in 20 years and this window could be reopened for a 17-year maturity.

National Treasurer Sergio Edeza, in an earlier interview, declined to confirm the extent of the planned borrowings but said the government preferred to tap the 7-, 10- or the 20-year bond market.

However, Edeza noted that a factor to consider would be the timing of the issue since Malaysia had reportedly announced a plan to also tap the Yankee bond market to raise between $500 million and $1 billion in the next three weeks.

Edeza said the Philippine government still had $780 million worth of available securities registered in the United States.

The Napocor's failed attempt to raise $400 million from the seven-year global bond market early this month prompted the government to borrow again in behalf of the power firm.

Investors sought a premium for the Napocor debt that was nearly a percentage point higher than the spreads they were willing to pay for a Philippine sovereign borrowing.

Metro Pacific outlines debt-relief plan

By Doris C. Dumlao

CASH-STRAPPED property developer Metro Pacific Corp. yesterday unveiled a comprehensive debt-restructuring program to address P12 billion in debts and turn around the company's operations after absorbing P19.2 billion in loss provisions mainly from its investment in the Fort Bonifacio Global City.

MPC chair and CEO Manuel Pangilinan told the Philippine Stock Exchange: "We firmly believe that the vast majority of the MPC creditor-base recognizes the inherent values of our assets, which are significantly higher than our overall debt."

The main components of MPC's proposed debt restructuring efforts are:

- sale of certain assets to specific creditors for immediate relief;
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- concessions from creditors such as the restructuring of interest and principal payments, extension of grace periods, lowering of interest rates and the conversion of short-term loans into longer-term facilities;
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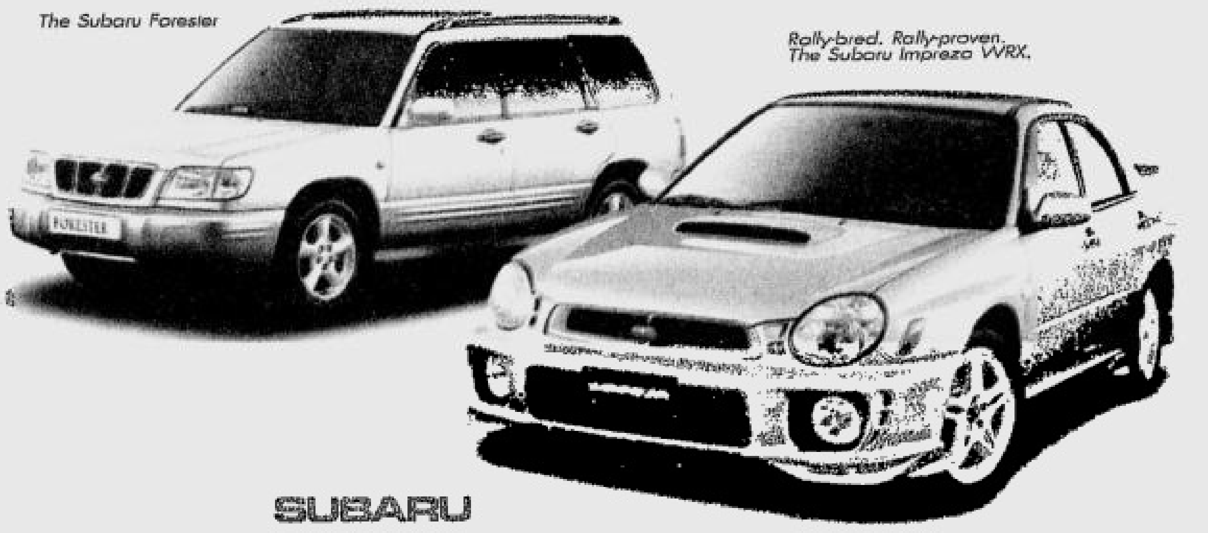

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US envoy says Calpers' exit from Southeast Asia a mistake

KUALA LUMPUR—US Ambassador to Malaysia Marie Huhtala has described the withdrawal of the largest US pension fund from four Southeast Asian nations as a "mistake," a report said yesterday.

The California Public Employees' Retirement System (Calpers) said it would exit from Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines and Thailand, citing factors such as poor transparency, labor standards and human rights.

"It is a mistake (for the fund) to withdraw because Southeast Asia is one of the most dynamic regions at this moment," Huhtala was quoted as saying by The Business Times.

Huhtala said Calpers' decision was "probably not based on fundamentals but on an unfair perception."

"I agree that Calpers probably made its decision based on perception, but unfortunately that is how investment decisions are being made around the world today," she added.

Huhtala said the embassy would take steps to help Malaysia correct the unfair perception but also urged businessmen to play their role.

"The decision shows that investors take many factors into account before risking their money. Some of them see transparency and high labor standards as among the factors that reduce that risk, and companies here need to be aware of that," she added.

Monetary authorities in the region said earlier the decision would have little impact.

Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Governor Rafael Buenaventura said: "I don't think other pension funds or investors will follow suit. They are independent."

Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho said the Calpers decision "really doesn't affect us."

"If at all, it could be the (internationally traded) bonds that will be affected, (but) our bonds are strong."

The US fund's total investments in the Philippines stood at around $25 million, fund managers estimated.

Malaysia has suggested that Calpers' move showed a lack of insight into the region's potential.

Deputy Prime Minister Abdullah Badawi has also dismissed the political aspects of the decision, saying it had nothing to do with Malaysia's record on human rights and democracy because "our record is good."

Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra dismissed suggestions that Thailand may have been ruled out over its human rights record, saying this would be "inexcusable" as Thailand was a rights advocate.

"It's merely their investment strategy that they will pull out as they can make a profit," he told reporters.

Thaksin said the pullout would have little effect because the fund accounted for only a small percentage of foreign investment, despite news of its withdrawal triggering a sharp sell-off in Bangkok shares Thursday.

"The index plunged due to local investors who panicked," Thaksin said, adding that the fund's withdrawal was unlikely to touch off a domino effect among other overseas investment funds.

The Thai Securities and Exchange Commission noted that Calpers investments in Thailand totaled just 101 million baht ($2.3 million). *AFP*

NEWS BRIEFS

40% hike in Aboitiz income

ABOITIZ Equity Ventures Inc. has announced an unaudited net income of P1.575 billion after preferred dividend payments last year, 40 percent higher than in 2000.

In a news statement, the company announced that its units under Aboitiz Power Corp. continued to be Aboitiz's earnings driver. APC posted a net income contribution of P1.172 billion in 2001.

Aboitiz's banking subsidiaries contributed some P389 million, which its portfolio investments contributed P236 million.

Aboitiz's earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization increased to P3.157 billion, up 35 percent. Its earnings per share of 30.4 centavos grew 42 percent.

Natural gas in Apec meet

ENERGY Secretary Vincent Perez Jr. said Thursday that the government would consult experts from members of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation on the rules that would govern the local natural gas industry.

"There will be a large gathering here of natural gas experts in the middle of this month," Perez said. "We would like to get their feedback on our draft rules."

He explained that the country was hosting an international facilitation assistance team under the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum.

Perez said the energy department had ongoing consultations with industry players and other parties involved in the emerging downstream gas business. *Ronnel W. Domingo*

US to ship surplus goods

THE UNITED States is set to ship some $20 million worth of surplus commodities to the Philippines this year.

These shipments include $10 million worth of wheat, $8 million worth of rice and $2 million worth of white corn.

These commodities will be shipped under the US Public Law 480 commodity loan program.

The PL 480 program allows a government to acquire and sell US surplus commodities and use acquired proceeds to finance government farm projects.

According to US Department of Agriculture Counselor Charles Alexander, the Philippines' allocation for the PL 480 program is lower this year compared with the $40 million worth of commodities it acquired last year because of the tough competition posed by other developing Asian countries. *Christine A. Gaylican*

Regulators clear public offering of Jolliville Holdings

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE SECURITIES and Exchange Commission has approved the application of Jolliville Holdings Corp. to conduct an initial public offering and eventually list on the main board of the Philippine Stock Exchange.

Approved by the SEC was the issuance of 30 million new common shares to the primary market out of Jolliville's 281.5 million common shares.

Apart from the IPO, Jolliville also plans to sell 64.3 million shares in the secondary market.

Some 187.2 million shares will remain with Jolliville.

Formerly known as Jolliville Realty and Development Co. Inc., Jolliville was incorporated in 1986 by the Ting family as a realty company.

In 1999, it was transformed into a holding company with interests in leasing, management services, property development, land banking and a local municipal waterworks system.

A total of 33.5 percent of Jolliville's equity will be sold through a combination of primary and secondary offering at a price of P1.09 per share.

The PSE, for its part, is still processing the listing application of Jolliville.

The financial advisor for the IPO is BV Partners Inc., with Keppel IVI Investments Inc. as underwriter and issue manager, both of which have likewise teamed up for the forthcoming IPO of the Tambunting group's pawnshop chain, TFS Inc.

The SEC said Jolliville would raise P102.9 million in gross proceeds from the sale of shares to the public.

Of the total amount, P32.7 million will go the company while P70 million will go to the selling shareholders, namely Elgeete Holdings Inc., Febra Resources Inc., A-Net Resources Corp., Kenly Resources Inc. and Oltru Holdings Corp.

The company added that proceeds from the IPO would be used to partially rehabilitate the waterworks system of its Calapan water project under a 10-year medium-term development program. The Calapan project is estimated to cost P210.83 million.

As of 2001, Jolliville's authorized capital stock stood at P1 billion, with a paid-up capital of P251.5 million.

Ayala sees group capex at $700M

AYALA Corp., estimated yesterday its group-wide capital expenditures for the year at $700 million, most of which would go to its telephone unit, Globe Telecom Inc.

Comparative numbers for 2001 were not immediately available.

Ayala corporate secretary Rufino Luis Manotok also told reporters on the sidelines of a business forum that there would be more project developments for its property unit, Ayala Land Inc.

He did not elaborate.

Ayala announced earlier that its annual net income fell 33 percent last year, hit by higher costs of hedging its dollar-denominated debt.

But the company said it came out with a stronger balance sheet in the process and was now well-placed to achieve stronger profit growth this year, backed by a sustained increase in earnings of its banking, telecommunications and property subsidiaries.

The company said in a statement it recorded a net income of P2.1 billion from the previous year's 3.15 billion.

Analysts had forecast a net income of around P2.73 billion for Ayala in 2001, a 13.5-percent decline year on year.

Multex Global Estimates net profit consensus for 2001 is P3.8 billion, or 30 centavos a share.

"The major culprit was increased financial charges because we've opted to hedge our dollar exposure and go into some dollar-peso swaps just to be sure that we don't get hit by any unforeseen (events)," Manotok said.

"What we're trying to do is we are trying to clean up our debt. What's good is that our balance sheet is clean, it's strong, so we opted to sort of sacrifice our P&L in favor of a stronger balance sheet.

"And I think we are making the right move because we anticipate that we will have meaningful growth this year," Manotok said.

Anti-dumping duty on Thai plastic floor tiles lifted

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE TARIFF Commission has lifted its anti-dumping duty on plastic floor tiles from Thailand after finding no evidence that these goods are being dumped into the country.

The commission said at 1.3 percent, there was a minimal difference between the normal value and export price of polyvinylchloride, or PVC, floor tiles from Thailand.

It also ruled that the importation of these tiles was minimal.

Dumping occurs when an imported product is sold at prices lower than its selling price in the country of origin and its volume of shipments are substantial enough to cause a negative impact on domestic producers.

The anti-dumping duty of 22 cents per yard was levied by the Department of Finance in 1996 on nine Thai export firms—Apex Plastic Co. Ltd., Thai Nam Plastic Public Co. Inc., Thaiwa Plastic Co. Ltd., Thai Plastic Industries LP, Metropolitan Plastic Industry Co. Ltd., East Asia Plastic Industrial Co. Ltd., Sinanand Plastic Co. Ltd., Gamma Products Co. Ltd. and ART Industries Co. Ltd.

The Department of Trade and Industry, which has taken over the imposition of dumping duties with the enactment of the Anti-Dumping Law, previously sought the lifting of the anti-dumping duty on PVC tiles from Thailand because the Philippines could be liable for sanctions from the World Trade Organization for unfair trade practices.

This is the second reversal for the government in its use of anti-dumping duties to deter competition from imported plastic resins.

Late last year, the Philippine government ordered the lifting of an anti-dumping duty imposed on polypropylene resins coming from Korean firms.

The anti-dumping duty ranges from $10 to $150 per metric ton and on top of the 15-percent duty on polypropylene resins used extensively in making sacks, bags, ropes, furniture, appliance casings and packaging.

The dumping duty was slapped against South Korean firms Hyundai, LG International, Dae Lim, Hanwah, Kolon, Hyundai, SK Global, Jinwon Trading, Sekitoku, Sewon and Hyosung in 2000.

This was the settlement agreement reached by the Philippines with South Korea, which filed a protest on this issue with the Dispute Settlement Body of the WTO.

60% of Bonifacio StopOver occupied, FBDC announces

FORT Bonifacio Development Corp. said yesterday that 60 percent of "Bonifacio StopOver" was already being leased just two months after it announced its expansion plans.

"FBDC is all set to welcome a new batch of locators—a combination of established brands and big box retail operators. In just two months after we announced the expansion of Bonifacio StopOver, 60 percent of the available space for lease has been taken up," FBDC senior vice president for commercial operations Vicente Tinsay III said.

These new locators include popular fast-food chains Pizza Hut, Chowking and Delifrance. These establishments, including eight existing ones, will cater to the growing number of office locators in the nearby Hatchasia GlobalCity Center.

FBDC said it also recently completed a master lease agreement with Sabre Corp. for a two-story "multi-establishment" of dining and entertainment.

The project is located at Fort Square, the Bonifacio Global City's expanded retail and entertainment district.

"With the expansion of the Fort Square, FBDC moves a step closer to creating a true 'entertainment plaza' in contrast to the congested environments of Makati, Quezon City and central Manila," Tinsay said.

Another establishment set to start operations at the Bonifacio Global City is MC Home Depot, a one-stop shop for construction and furnishings.

Late last year, MC Home Depot signed a long-term lease agreement with FBDC. It recently broke ground on a 2.6-hectare area beside retail chain S&R Price Club and was expected to open its doors in the fourth quarter of the year. *Abigail L. Ho*

CURRENCIES

March 1, 2002 Country	Unit	Euro Equivalent	Foreign currency in US$	Foreign currency in Peso
United States	Dollar	1.150483	1.000000	51.2820
Japan	Yen	0.008610	0.007484	0.3838
United Kingdom	Pound	1.629890	1.416700	72.6512
Hong Kong	Dollar	0.147688	0.128370	6.5831
Switzerland	Franc	0.677872	0.589206	30.2157
Canada	Dollar	0.718828	0.624805	32.0413
Singapore	Dollar	0.628336	0.546150	28.0077
Australia	Dollar	0.594565	0.516796	26.5023
Bahrain	Dinar	3.051842	2.652661	136.0338
Saudi Arabia	Rial	0.306796	0.266667	13.6752
Brunei	Dollar	0.625093	0.543331	27.8631
Indonesia	Rupiah	0.000114	0.000099	0.0051
Thailand	Baht	0.026339	0.022894	1.1741
UAE	Dirham	0.313312	0.272331	13.9657
Korea	Won	0.000876	0.000761	0.0390
Euro	Euro	1.000000	0.869200	44.5743
Brazil	Real	0.489567	0.425532	21.8221
Denmark	Kroner	0.134575	0.116973	5.9986
India	Rupee	0.023672	0.020576	1.0552
Malaysia	Ringgit	0.302759	0.109619	5.6215
Mexico	New Peso	0.126115	0.109619	5.6215
New Zealand	Dollar	0.484006	0.420698	21.5742
Norway	Kroner	0.129578	0.112629	5.7758
Pakistan	Rupee	0.019191	0.016681	0.8554
South Africa	Rand	0.100734	0.087558	4.4901
Sweden	Kroner	0.110274	0.09585	4.9154
Syria	Pound	0.026387	0.022936	1.1762
Taiwan	NT Dollar	0.032861	0.028563	1.4648
Venezuela	Bolivar	0.063916	0.055556	2.8490

PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

(As of Friday, March 01, 2002)

STOCKS	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	VOLUME
BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES					
BANKS					
Asiatrust Dev. Bank Inc.	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	11,000
Bank of the Phil. Islands	68	68.5	68	68	98,500
China Banking Corp.	580	585	580	585	3,050
Chinatrust Comm. Bank	15	17	15	17	5,000
Citystate Savings Bank	14.25	14.25	14.25	14.25	2,000
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	30	31	30	31	126,800
First E-Bank Corp.	1.94	1.98	1.94	1.98	30,000
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	210	212	208	212	29,940
Philippine National Bank	67	67	67	67	40,300
Security Bank Corp.	19	19	19	19	13,900
Union Bank of the Phil.	20.25	20.75	19.75	20	288,800
FINANCIAL SERVICE					
Bankard Inc.	1.32	1.32	1.28	1.32	365,000
Manulife Financial Corp.	1300	1300	1300	1300	430
PCI Leasing & Fin. Inc.	0.8	0.84	0.8	0.84	20,000
Sun Life Financial Serv.	1035	1045	1035	1045	20,560
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL					
COMMUNICATION					
ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp.	31.5	32	31.5	32	27,400
Digital Telecom Phils Inc.	0.69	0.69	0.65	0.67	8,320,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	790	800	790	795	36,990
Ipeople Inc.	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	10,000
Island Info and Tech Inc.	0.075	0.075	0.065	0.065	76,200,000
Piltel	0.48	0.48	0.43	0.47	18,990,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	510	510	497.5	497.5	83,940
Philweb.Com Inc.	0.021	0.022	0.021	0.022	40,000,000
POWER & ENERGY					
Manila Electric Co. A	32.5	33.5	32.5	33.5	399,600
Manila Electric Co. B	48	50.5	47	50.5	1,546,600
Petron Corp.	1.9	1.92	1.88	1.92	3,918,000
Trans-Asia Oil and Energy	0.91	0.92	0.91	0.92	260,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Asian Terminals Inc.	1.12	1.14	1.12	1.14	569,000
Int'l Container Term'l Sv	2.7	2.75	2.6	2.65	6,320,000
Keppel Phils. Marine Inc.	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.37	100,000
CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Alsons Cement Corp.	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19	1,010,000
Engineering Equip. Inc.	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	360,000
Republic Glass Hldg. Corp.	1.58	1.6	1.58	1.6	170,000
Union Cement Corp.	0.65	0.66	0.65	0.65	640,000
FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Jollibee Foods Corp.	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5	9,700
La Tondeña Distillers Inc.	23.5	23.5	23.5	23.5	42,100
RFM Corp.	1.46	1.48	1.42	1.46	1,129,000
Swift Food Inc.	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.2	40,000
San Miguel Corp. A	48	48.5	48	48	78,000
San Miguel Corp. B	63	64	63	64	693,600
HOLDING FIRMS					
Ayala Corp.	6.6	6.7	6.6	6.7	3,110,000
Alsons Cons. Res. Inc.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	100,000
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	2	2	2	2	172,000
Ajo.Net Holdings Inc.	0.81	0.81	0.8	0.8	90,000
A. Soriano Corp.	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55	100,000
APC Group Inc.	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	10,000
Anglo Phil Holdings Corp.	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	300,000
ATN Holdings Inc.	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	50,000
Benpres Holdings Corp.	0.84	0.85	0.81	0.83	17,270,000
Basic Consolidated Inc.	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	200,000
Crown Equities Inc.	0.35	0.35	0.32	0.32	500,000
DMCI Holdings Inc.	0.31	0.32	0.31	0.32	740,000
Ebecom Holdings Inc.	0.12	0.12	0.115	0.12	6,120,000
Fil-Estate Corp.	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	20,000
Filinvest Dev. Corp.	1.04	1.04	1.04	1.04	330,000
First Phil Hldgs Corp.	33.5	33.5	33	33	739,900
Global Equities Inc.	0.18	0.18	0.17	0.17	60,000
House of Investments Inc.	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	670,000
Ionics Inc.	7.9	7.9	7.7	7.8	37,000
J.G. Summit Holdings Inc.	1.88	1.88	1.84	1.84	1,148,000
Megaworld Corp.	0.82	0.83	0.81	0.83	4,130,000
Multitech Inv. Corp.	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.6	420,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	6,980,000
Music Corp.	0.32	0.32	0.3	0.31	6,060,000
Prime Orion Phils. Inc.	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	300,000
Roxas Holdings Inc.	0.85	0.85	0.84	0.85	140,000
Solid Group Inc.	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	680,000
Waterfront Phils. Inc	0.27	0.28	0.27	0.28	1,330,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING					
Corro-Coat Inc.	1.44	1.44	1.44	1.44	10,000
Federal Chemicals Inc.	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	10,000
Pryce Corp.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	100,000
SPI Technologies Inc.	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.5	83,700
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICE					
Belle Corp.	0.51	0.51	0.49	0.51	5,830,000
Fairmont Holdings Inc.	0.61	0.61	0.61	0.61	60,000
Mondragon Intl Phils. Inc.	0.43	0.43	0.4	0.41	590,000
Philippine Racing Club	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	1,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp. (Pdr)	32	32.5	32	32.5	46,400
Cosmos Bottling Corp.-Pref	10	10	10	10	2,000
Equitable PCI Bank-War	1.62	1.64	1.58	1.64	32,000
Globe Telecom Hldg. (Pdr)	795	800	795	795	1,500
Jollibee Warrants	12	12.25	12	12.25	8,500
PLDT (10% Pref) Series T	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	300
PLDT (10% Pref) Series W	10.25	10.5	10.25	10.5	7,400
PLDT (10% Pref) Series Z	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	100
OTHERS					
Far Eastern University	400	400	400	400	250
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.9	12,926,000
Araneta Properties Inc.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	140,000
Cityland Development Corp.	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	37,000
Cebu Holdings Inc.	0.43	0.43	0.43	0.43	270,000
C & P Homes Inc.	0.29	0.3	0.29	0.29	3,790,000
Cyber Bay Corp.	0.52	0.54	0.51	0.54	12,940,000
Empire East Land Inc.	0.31	0.31	0.3	0.31	5,730,000
Filinvest Land Inc.	2.28	2.32	2.28	2.3	3,150,000
Kuok Phil. Properties	0.105	0.105	0.105	0.105	10,000
Fil-Estate Land Inc.	0.43	0.43	0.41	0.41	3,410,000
Primex Corp.	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	16,000
Robinsons Land Corp.	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1,000
Phil Realty and Holdings	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	100,000
SM Development Corp.	1.08	1.1	1.08	1.1	5,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	6.8	6.9	6.8	6.9	1,765,000
Universal Rightfield Prop.	0.08	0.08	0.0775	0.08	2,200,000
MINING					
Itogon-Suyoc Mines A	0.039	0.04	0.039	0.039	30,500,000
Lepanto Cons. Mng. Co. B	0.205	0.205	0.205	0.205	900,000
Omico Corp.	0.0044	0.0044	0.0044	0.0044	45,000,000
Polar Mines & Dev't Corp.	0.019	0.019	0.019	0.019	1,000,000
OIL					
Imperial Res.	0.02	0.021	0.02	0.021	3,000,000
The Philodrill Corp. A	0.225	0.225	0.225	0.225	50,000
Pacifica	0.015	0.015	0.015	0.015	18,500,000
Sinophil Corp.	0.0725	0.0725	0.0725	0.0725	26,700,000
Vulcan Ind'l	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22	20,000

	SHARES	VALUE (P)
Banks & Fin Svc	1,054,480	50,033,865.00
Comm'l & Ind'l	219,545,530	338,513,620.00
PRO	46,490,000	120,075,220.00
Mining	77,400,000	1,594,800.00
OIL	48,270,000	2,289,900.00
GRAND TOTALS:	392,760,010	512,507,405.00

	AVERAGES	
Banks & Fin Svc	565.07	UP 0.30
Comm'l & Ind'l	1,924.07	UP 4.96
PRO	626.66	UP 3.27
Mining	1,354.73	DOWN 1.55
OIL	2.00	UP 0.01
All Shares Index	746.46	UP 1.79
Composite	1,410.42	UP 4.20

NO. OF ADVANCES: 23; NO. OF DECLINES: 37; NO. OF UNCHANGED: 50;
NO. OF TRADED ISSUES: 110; NO. OF TRADES: 3,029

DISCLOSURES

JOLLIBEE Foods Corp. will list 2,917 common shares under its tandem stock purchase and option plan on March 4.

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RFM Corp. will list 125.08 million common shares on March 4.

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THE **MANILA Broadcasting Co.** will list 150 million common shares on March 5.

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VULCAN Industrial & Mining Corp. has clarified that the **Philippine National Oil Co.** has to complete and test a natural gas well in Victoria town, Tarlac before it can exercise its buy-back option. The company said it was not in any position to decide whether to exercise this option at this time.

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PRUDENTIAL Bank has postponed its annual stockholders' meeting indefinitely pending the completion of its annual report.

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A BROWN Co. Inc. has acquired 260,000 treasury shares at 50 centavos each.

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FILINVEST Development Corp. will hold its annual stockholders' meeting on May 30, 1 p.m. Record date is set on April 30. ***Compiled by Ray Leyesa, PDI Research***

Metro Pacific outlines debt-relief plan

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provide immediate liquidity for MPC's operating cash requirements and secure debts instead with other assets, mostly properties, that could be developed to generate enhanced values.

"The immediate challenge for MPC is to work hand in hand with its creditors who understand the difficulties of today's Philippine property market, and protect the long-term value of the Global City. I am confident that our individual businesses will weather this current climate and emerge stronger and better positioned to benefit from an upturn in the economy and the real estate sector," he explained.

The company also said the sale of its 69.6-percent stake in Bonifacio Land Co., which controls the majority stake in flagship business Fort Bonifacio Development Corp., remained an option. However, the company is keen on prioritizing debt restructuring instead in view of bargain bids for BLC.

MPC tapped EGF and Associates, a local finance group that completed the debt restructuring of large companies including Pilipino Telephone Co., as its financial adviser, and the Picazo Law Offices as its legal counsel for the corporate restructuring efforts.

The company assured that its individual business operations would remain largely unaffected during the restructuring period, noting crucial progress in existing and new projects by various subsidiaries.

MPC also announced a net loss of P23.21 billion last year, a reversal of the P2.23-billion profit in 2000. This was due to a total of P19.2 billion in asset impairment provisions put up for its investment in Fort Bonifacio Global City and shipping firm Negros Navigation Co.

Excluding the asset provisioning, MPC would have posted a consolidated loss of only P3.98 billion.

Only Landco Pacific Corp., MPC's leisure estate subsidiary, yielded positive results in 2001, with its net income even rising moderately to P38 million from P34 million the previous year.

Flagship investment Fort Bonifacio Development Corp., a joint venture with the state-controlled Bases Conversion Development Authority on the development of Global City, recorded a net loss of P630 million from a net income of P745 million in 2000.

Nenaco, on the other hand, reported an operating loss of about P400 million, on top of about P200 million spent for retrenchment and some P1.2 billion in noncash provisioning for various investments.

MPC also assured that while it was unable to pay the $90-million loan from parent firm First Pacific Co. Ltd. of Hong Kong as well as certain loan obligations that matured earlier this year, it had "more than sufficient asset values to cover its liabilities."

As of end-2001, MPC's total assets stood at P67.83 billion while current liabilities stood at only P20.13 billion.

The development of the Fort Bonifacio Global City has been hit hard by a property slump precipitated by the 1997 Asian financial crisis. Several groups, including Ayala Land Inc., earlier offered to buy the controlling stake in BLC but the bids were unacceptable to MPC. For instance, sources said ALI's earlier offer was only P500 million in cash plus its stake in Metro Railways Transit Corp. as against the $200 million price set by MPC.

Cebu Pacific starts serving Seoul; PAL seeks 'extra section'

By Abigail L. Ho

PIONEER flag carrier Philippine Airlines Inc. has asked the Civil Aeronautics Board for two charter flight frequencies to Seoul as its right to use Cebu Pacific Air's two frequency entitlements expired yesterday.

INQUIRER sources said yesterday that PAL requested the CAB to grant it an "extra section" to Seoul for the whole month of March.

An extra section means additional flights, like charter flights, that an airline asks for on account of very high load factors that it could not service anymore because of lack of flights and seats.

PAL "borrowed" in mid-January two of Cebu Pacific's frequency entitlements to Seoul so it can have more Cebu-Seoul flights.

It later claimed these frequencies as its own, prompting the CAB to call a hearing to settle the issue once and for all.

In an earlier interview, CAB vice chair Adelberto Yap said Cebu Pacific could still lose two of its frequencies to PAL if it could not make good on its promise to fly to Seoul by March 2.

The Gokongwei-owned airline, however, made its maiden flight to Seoul yesterday afternoon, with at least 95 passengers on board.

In a separate interview, Cebu Pacific president and chief executive Lance Gokongwei said the airline remained confident that the CAB would stick to its original decision granting Cebu Pacific the three Seoul frequencies.

"Based on the December meeting of the CAB, that's what stands, that we have three frequencies to Korea and that (PAL) borrowed two only until today. So beginning today, we're flying the two," he said.

CAB board member Alberto Lim, in a telephone interview yesterday, affirmed this and said PAL could not exert any effort to stop Cebu Pacific from flying to Seoul.

"As far as the board is concerned, (PAL's) motion for reconsideration doesn't (freeze) the decision we made on Dec. 19," he said.

He added that since the board did not act on PAL's motion for reconsideration, the CAB's Dec. 19 decision still stands.

Asked whether PAL was still giving Cebu Pacific any more problems, Gokongwei said opposition and other such matters were all part of business.

"It's not a problem, it's competition. In any business, you have to compete. That's natural," he said.

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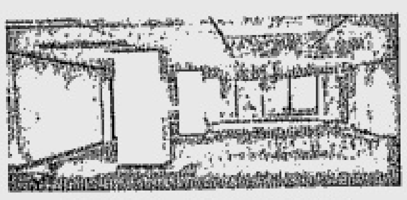

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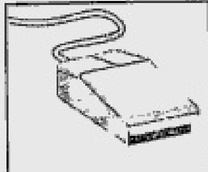

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(Sgd.) **LORNA T. DY**
Manager
Professional Services Department

(PDI -- Mar. 2, 2002)

INVITATION FOR QUALIFICATION AND BID

The Government of the Philippines has received a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this loan to eligible payment under the contract for which this Invitation for Qualification and Bid is issued.

The Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission as the Executing Agency and the City Government of Pasig as the Implementing Agency are inviting CONTRACTORS to apply for Qualification and Bid for the following project

Name of Project : Barangay Pineda Linear Park
Duration : 180 Calendar Days

Contract Package	Area	Location	Project Description
a. Barangay Pineda Linear Park	Approximately 12,465.00 sqm.	Barangay Pineda, Pasig City	Community Park and Promenade (landscaping, civil, drainage and electrical works)

Interested contractors will be required to submit their accomplished qualification documents and bid proposals at the same time in two (2) separate sealed envelopes. The envelope containing the bid will be kept in a sealed box which will not be opened until after the completion of the qualification evaluation and the list of qualified contractors has been finalized. Only the bids of qualified contractors will be opened on the date of bid opening. The bids of disqualified contractors will be returned unopened.

Interested contractors may obtain further information and secure the qualification and bid documents at the following address:

Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission (PRRC)
Second Floor, Engineering Building
MWSS CMPD., Kalipunan Road, Balara, Quezon City
Telephone Nos. 433-3444; 433-3446, 926-5233; 926-5234

A complete set of qualification and bid documents may be purchased by interested contractors from the above address starting 11-15 March 2002 upon submission of a letter of intent and payment of a non-refundable fee of Five Thousand Pesos (Php 5,000.00).

Site Inspection and Pre-Bid Conference is on 22 March 2002, 10:00 a.m. at the Conference Room, PRRC office. The accomplished qualification documents and the bid in two (2) separate sealed envelopes must be submitted to the PRRC on or before 1200 hours on 22 April 2002. The date of bid opening will be announced later.

The contractors shall submit together with qualification documents a notarized sworn statement stating their project workload as of date of bidding including newly awarded but not yet started contracts with corresponding contract amount.

All particulars relative to Prequalification, Bid Evaluation and Award of Contract shall be governed by the ADB Procurement Guidelines and other pertinent laws and regulations. The BAC reserves the right to reject any or all bids without offering any reason, waive minor informalities, accept such bids which will be the most advantageous to the government. The decision of BAC is final and binding.

(Sgd.) BINGLE H.B. GUTIERREZ
Executive Director

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Only those who submitted pre-qualification documents are allowed [illegible] the pre-bid conference on **March 13, 2002, 10:00 AM** at the PCC Manila Office 5th Floor, DCIEC Building, NIA Compound, EDSA, Quezon City. Those who fail to attend the pre-bidding conference are disqualified to participate in the bidding.

Sealed bids shall be received at PCC Manila Office not later than **March 22, 2002, Package I to III, 10:00 AM and Package IV to VI, 2:00 PM** at the same address. Only pre-qualified bidders will be allowed to attend the bidding proper.

The Philippine Carabao Center reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any formality in such bids, and to accept bids as may be considered most advantageous to the government.

(Sgd.) **LIBERTADO C. CRUZ**
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March 19, 2002 (Tuesday)
SURVIVING WORKPLACE CHANGE
Lirio O. Mapa, Vice President, Center for Leadership and Change, Inc., will talk about how you can prepare yourself for changes. She will also tackle the paradigms and principles that can help you survive workplace changes.

March 20, 2002 (Wednesday)
LEADING ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE
Mark Mackenzie, Managing Principal, S & G International Consulting, Inc., will focus on how you can lead change, not just from the senior management perspective, but from those in all levels of the organization. He will discuss how different types of change are identified, measured and managed by all employees.

TIME: 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
VENUE: Santiago Hall, Mezzanine, Equitable PCIB Tower 1, Makati Ave. cor. H. V. de la Costa St., Makati City, Metro Manila.

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Peacefully joined our Creator on February 26, 2002 in San Ramon Regional Medical Center, San Ramon, California, at the age of 85.

Survived by his loving wife **Osing Miranda-Magpayo**; his children **Sylvia & Joe Sicat, Vivian & Tony Garde, Bing & Connie Magpayo**; and grandchildren **Jom & Donna Sicat, Jamee & Ed Duarte, Jason Sicat, Lejohn & Misty Sicat, Jonas Sicat, Tonette, Adrian, Angelica** and **Allan Garde, Julian, Kimmy, Mikey, Christian, Joey, Vincent & Bianca Magpayo**; and great grandchildren **J. Christian & Elliot Sicat**.

Cousins, nieces, nephews and friends request concerned readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

Viewing and vigil in Graham Hitch Mortuary, Pleasanton, California. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Elizabeth Seton, Pleasanton, California on Saturday, March 2, 2002 at 4:00 p.m. Cremation to follow.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Holy Mass on Saturday, March 2, 2002 at 9:00 a.m. at San Martin de Porres Chapel, Pasaje de Galvan, Malate, Manila.

ALITA ZETA CRUZ

*Peacefully joined her Creator and her loving husband **Medrino, Sr.** on the 25th day of February 2002 at the age of 64.*

Her children and children-in-law **Maricon & Joel, Mylene & Gilbert, Bhoy & Bhel, Dinna, Lhet & Gary**; grandchildren **Joe Mari, Mary Joyce, JC, James, Kate, Joseph**; other relatives and friends request readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the Holy Trinity Memorial Chapels, Sucat Road, Parañaque City.

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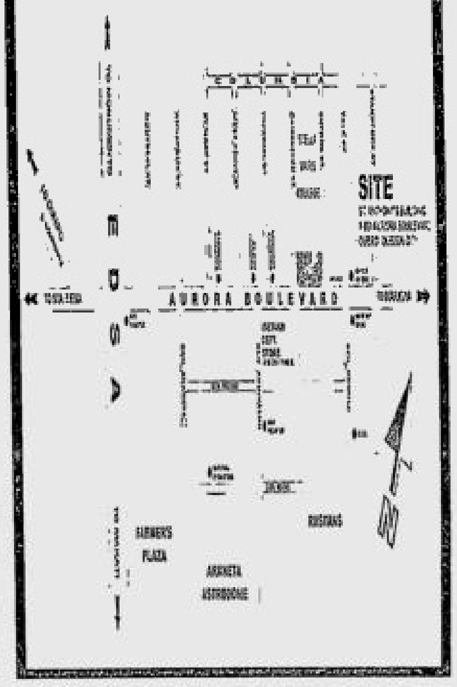

LEILANI ROMERO COSICO

of Cabanatuan City, Nueva Ecija

Peacefully joined her Creator on February 27, 2002 at the age of 58.

Her bereaved husband **Dr. Alfredo Cosico**; parents **Dr. Juanito & Consorcia Romero**; children **Joan & Chito Lacson, Dr. John Paul & Sarah Jane Cosico, James & Lourdes Cosico, Jeanne & Ronald Rufino, Jayson & Giselle Cosico & Joseph**; brothers, sisters, grandchildren, uncles, aunts, cousins, other relatives and friends, request prayers for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie at the family residence at Joey's Picnic Grove, Daang Sarile, Cabanatuan City.

Funeral Mass will be on Tuesday, March 5, 2002, 9:00 a.m. at the Saint Nicholas de Tolentine Cathedral, Cabanatuan City.

Cremation rites will follow.

GRACE YATCO LARA

(1970 - 2002)

Died February 28, 2002 at the age of 31.

Survived by her husband **Robert E. Lara**; sons **John Christian, Carl Joseph** and **Joseph Bryan**; her father **Rodrigo Yatco Jr.**; mother **Elsa de Jesus**; sister **Teresa Meneses**; brothers **Rodrigo Yatco III, Florencio Yatco, Anthony Yatco** and **Rodrigo Andres Yatco IV** request the kind readers to please pray for her eternal rest.

Her body lies in state at St. Peter Memorial Chapels (Royal Chapel) 296 Quezon Avenue, Quezon City.

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Ayala Land holds property, bank fair

METRO Manilans on the hunt for a good real estate buy have a "one-stop-shop" opportunity to get one with attractive financing schemes when industry leader Ayala Land Inc. (ALI) hosts once more the Ayala Property and Bank Fair this March.

The five-day event runs from March 6 to 10 at the new wing of the Alabang Town Center in Muntinlupa City. The first fair this year was held Feb. 6 to 10 at the Glorietta Activity Center in Makati City.

Inspired by a similar event held yearly for the last two years in Cebu City, the fair gather's the country's biggest and most trusted property and financing institutions to provide buyers the best prices and terms—all in one venue.

Taking part are ALI and subsidiary Laguna Properties Holdings Inc. as well as partner banks including BPI Family Bank, Hongkong Shanghai Bank Corp (HSBC), Metrobank, Keppel Bank, Unionbank and Philamlife.

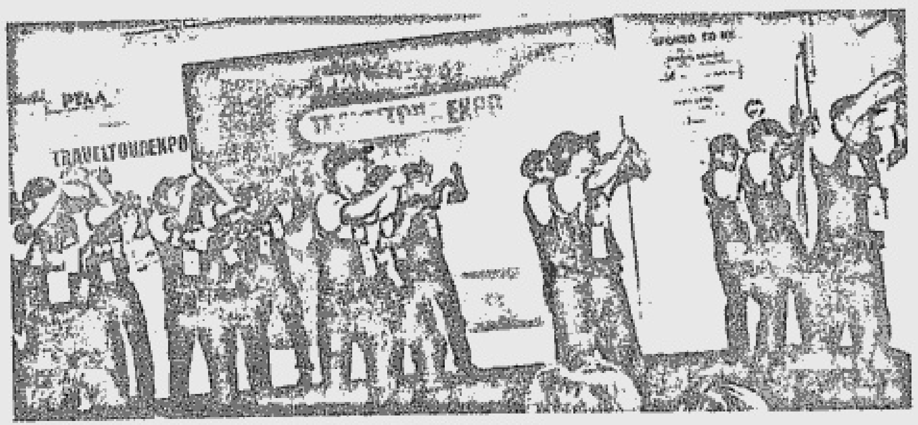
The fair will open with a housewarming-inspired ceremony and will have an awarding of brokers and a raffle draw. It will also showcase a 45-story condominium project ALI is building in Legazpi Village and an exciting promo that features Montgomery Place in Quezon City.

At the fair, buyers need not go far to secure attractive financing since the banks—with all their loan packages—will already be there.

BPI Family Bank is expected to offer its Express Pabahay and Express First Home packages that have one of the lowest rates and longest payment terms. HSBC has its Home Loan Simulator computer program that enables the bank's financial advisors to provide free customized financial consultation while Keppel Bank has its Pro-Pabahay loan program. Unionbank, an acknowledged pioneer in e-banking, will also be there to offer its services.

Max's RESTAURANT
Contract Signing

MAX'S-ATI AGREEMENT FORGED
Max's Franchising Inc. (MFI) has recently signed a franchising contract with All Tasty Inc (ATI), owner of the soon-to-open Max's Restaurant in Pulilan, Bulacan. Shown during the contract signing are (from left) Alex Alcasan, ATI stockholder; Antonio San Luis, ATI managing director; Jim Fuentebella and Robert Ocampo, MFI's president and chief operating officer, respectively. Max's Pulilan is expected to be operational in May. For information on franchising, call MFI at 832-199 loc. 145 and look for Gretchen Sibayan, or visit www.maxsfranchise.com or www.maxschicken.com.



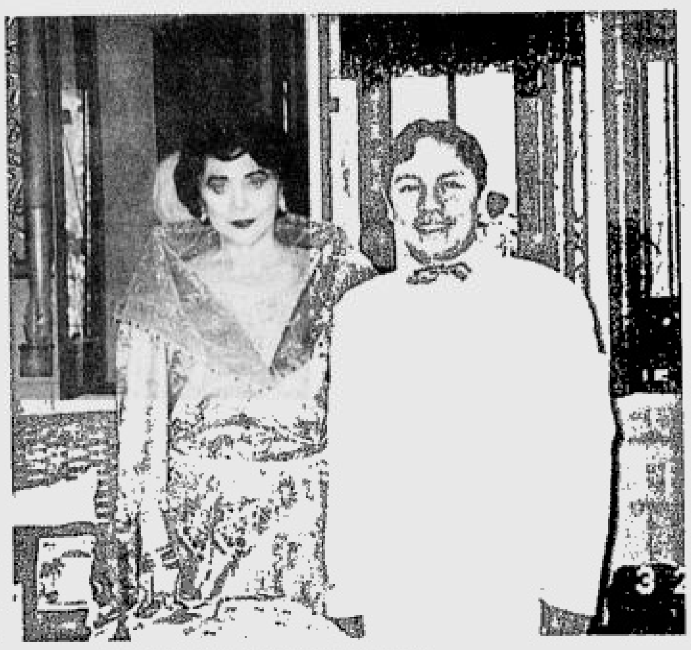
DANCING PORTERS TOURING MALLS
In the recently concluded PTAA Travel-Tour Expo 2002 at the SM MegaTrade Hall in Megamall, the Dancing Porters of Negros Navigation demonstrated to spectators their well-rehearsed NN Dance—their own rendition of the LA Walk. This unique dance is fast becoming a Negros Navigation trademark, which is part of their daily arrival-departure system to entertain passengers on board NN vessels. See more of this dancing extravaganza at the Negros Navigation Terminal in Pier 2, North Harbor, Tondo, Manila.

Vaseline launches skin tour

VASELINE Intensive Care Lotion is launching the Healthy Skin Tour 2002 which aims to share healthy skin tips for moms and their families. The skin tour is a year-long campaign which will also visit various barangays and local municipalities all over Luzon.

Open to the public, the event will be free and will showcase exciting booths for the whole family. Attendees can also win exciting prizes from the other booths and will even be treated to free food and drinks during the afternoon affair.

The affair will also feature the Vaseline Research booth where skin health counselors will suggest lifestyle solutions for moms and their families as well. Hosted by Arnel Ignacio and Ruby Rodriguez, the event is Vaseline Intensive Care Lotion's way of providing skin health tips that the whole family can benefit from.



TWO ARTISTS IN 'PORTRAIT'
Fides Cuyugan Asensio joins the cast of 'Portrait of the Artist as Filipino' in a staging with an innovative concept of the most performed play in the history of Philippine theater. Anton Juan, recently knighted with the National Order of Merit by the French government, stage directs. Fides is shown as 'Loleng', the senator's wife and Anton as 'Pablito'. Play dates for the latest staging of National Artist for Literature Nick Joaquin's memorable play are on March 1, 7 and 8 at 8 p.m., with matinees on March 2, 3, 9 and 10. All the performances will be held at the CCP Tanghalang Aurelio Tolentino (Little Theater).

A day of fun at Storyland

"FUN-TASY" became real for 160 children from Ang Mumunting Angel ng Parañaque when they were treated to a day of fun and excitement at Storyland Adventure at SM Southmall.

No less than Storyland's well-loved mascots—Ellie the Elephant, Lionel the Lion King, Sgt. March, and Eggbert—welcomed the kids to the park and led them along the themed attractions.

The kids had the time of their lives on the Magic Beanstalk Carousel, Bumble Bee Bop, the Barnstormer, and Krazy Kars. They were thrilled as they took the Silver Streak roller coaster ride and the Atom Smasher Bumper Cars.

Over merienda and ice cream, the kids were later treated to a dance number especially prepared for them by Storyland's delightful cast of characters. Not to be outdone, the little angels then joined in the excitement and danced along with the mascots.

The fun didn't end there. After enjoying more rides and kiddie attractions, the children went home with a bag of goodies, "fun-tastic" memories, and big smiles on their faces.

This day of fun with the Ang Mumunting Angel ng Parañaque is one of Storyland's efforts to reach out to less fortunate children.

THE KIDS from Ang Mumunting Angel ng Parañaque had a grand time at the Magic Beanstalk Carousel.

THRILLED to meet delightful Ellie the Elephant

LAPPING up the water fun at 'Fun Paddler' kiddie attraction.

STORYLAND'S Ellie the Elephant, Lionel the Lion King, Sgt. March, Eggbert, and the park's delightful clowns perform a special dance number for the kids.

BUZZING around Storyland in the Bumble Bee Bop.

BITS Clips

QCGH accepting applications

THE QUEZON City General Hospital-Department of Pediatrics is accepting applications for first year residency training. Interested applicants may submit their credentials at the personnel office, third floor, Seminary Road, Edsa, Quezon City. For further inquiries, call 455-2162 or 426-1314 loc. 239, and look for Dr. Luzette Nabayra-Lara.

Nautica Spring 2002

NAUTICA'S Spring 2002 Collections usher in the first quarter with a fusion of colors that reflect a more refined approach in fashion trends. For the sophisticated and "wear to work" look, Nautica offers classic collections that come in shades of elegant blues accented with touches of complementing colors. Nautica's broad color range and design truly reflect its heritage as the modern, authentic, and spirited trendsetter. Nautica's gentleman also best exemplifies the competitive individual in this season's collections. Nautica's Spring 2002 Collections is now available at Nautica at the ground floor of Glorietta 4, at the second floor of Shangri-La Plaza Mall and at the Commerce Mall in Alabang Town Center.

Wendy's Big-A-Boom

CAN IT get any bigger? With Wendy's new offering it's definitely a yes. Satisfy your big appetite with Wendy's Big-A-Boom Meal Combos. Four mouth-watering choices, each good for two. Pick your choice from Boom 1—spaghetti and burger (P69); Boom 2—rice, chicken and macaroni salad (P69); Boom 3—chicken and spaghetti (P89), and Boom 4—chicken, chili-con-carne and rice (P89), each served with a large soft drink. Go to Wendy's now and try one.

Assumption's 'Forever Blue' homecoming

ALL ASSUMPTION College alumni are invited to celebrate Blessed Marie Eugenie Month, with the first Forever Blue College Alumnae Homecoming today, March 2, at the Assumption College in San Lorenzo Village, Makati City. At 3 p.m. will be "Horizons: ASAP (Assumptionista Simple at Propesyonal)", a dialogue between alumni and juniors/seniors on career and life experiences. At 6 p.m. will be the launching of the Mother Rosario Professorial Chair and a tribute to the Golden (Classes '50-'51), Ruby (Classes '60-'61), and Silver Jubilarians (Classes '75-'76). From 7 p.m. onwards will be an evening of fun and dance.

Philippine Dental Association
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ALAY PARADA
The National Dental Health Week recently kicked off with the Alay Parada, a march participated in by officials from Colgate and the Philippine Dental Association (PDA), as well as allied sectors such as schools of dentistry and government dental agencies. Alay Parada aimed to demonstrate their unity in creating oral health awareness among the public. Shown are the officers of the PDA leading the march.

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Dunkin' Kinda Love CD

DUNKIN' DONUTS is bringing some of Ryan Cayabyab's most popular hit songs this season of love in a special CD compilation. The album features seven tracks freshly rearranged and performed by new artists to reach out to a whole new generation of young listeners. Produced by Stages, this unique collection is Dunkin' Donuts' current offering to all its patrons.

Dunkin' Kinda Love

The album includes "Kahit Ika'y Panaginip Lang" arranged by Mike Luis and performed by Mike and Noah; "Tunay na Ligaya" arranged by Mike and Angelo Villegas and performed by Cookie Chua; "Tuwing Umuulan at Kapiling Ka" arranged by Jimmy Antiporda and performed by Franco and Ayen Laurel; "Araw Gabi" arranged by Marc Lopez and performed by Carlo Orosa; "Kailan" arranged by Bond Samson and performed by Lynn Sherman; "Can This Be Love" arranged by Mon Faustino and performed by 17:28, and "All I Ever Want" arranged by Beth Martin and peformed by Audi Gemora and Carla Martinez.

With every purchase of a dozen donuts today at any participating Dunkin' Donuts outlets nationwide, you are entitled to a free copy of the Dunkin' Kinda Love by Ryan Cayabyab CD compilation.

SCIENCE/HEALTH

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Dealing with aging male population

By Charles E. Buban

SOMEONE once said that it was a near certainty that science will one day discover the gene that causes aging and find out how to turn it off. When that time comes, we will have to face the ethical challenge of who shall live and who shall die and who can have children in a crowded world, and it will be a monumental task for mankind.

Indeed, aging is one puzzle we have yet to solve. No matter how many times you do your workout or how many vegetables and fruits you eat, your life span is about the same as everybody else's. For the time being, we content ourselves looking for ways to make the lives of our aging population better.

The past century witnessed a transition from a high mortality-high fertility pattern to one of low mortality-low fertility—a change in pattern that has resulted in a rapidly aging world population.

By 2050, according to projections by the United Nations, there will be almost two billion people aged 60 or over. They will comprise 21 percent of the world population and, for the first time in history, that age group will exceed the number of those below the age of 15.

Weaker sex

In the aging population, the World Health Organization noted that the life expectancy of men was falling further behind that of women. Statistics show that men live seven years less than women do and are facing major health risks that can be prevented and treated if they are diagnosed early.

Between the two sexes, men are more often neglected in terms of health, and this is partly due to their own doing.

"A majority of us males believe we are the stronger sex—we never get sick, we can't afford to get sick, we don't want to know that we are sick," observed Dr. Jose Albert Reyes III, chair of the Philippine Society for the Study of Aging Male Foundation Inc.

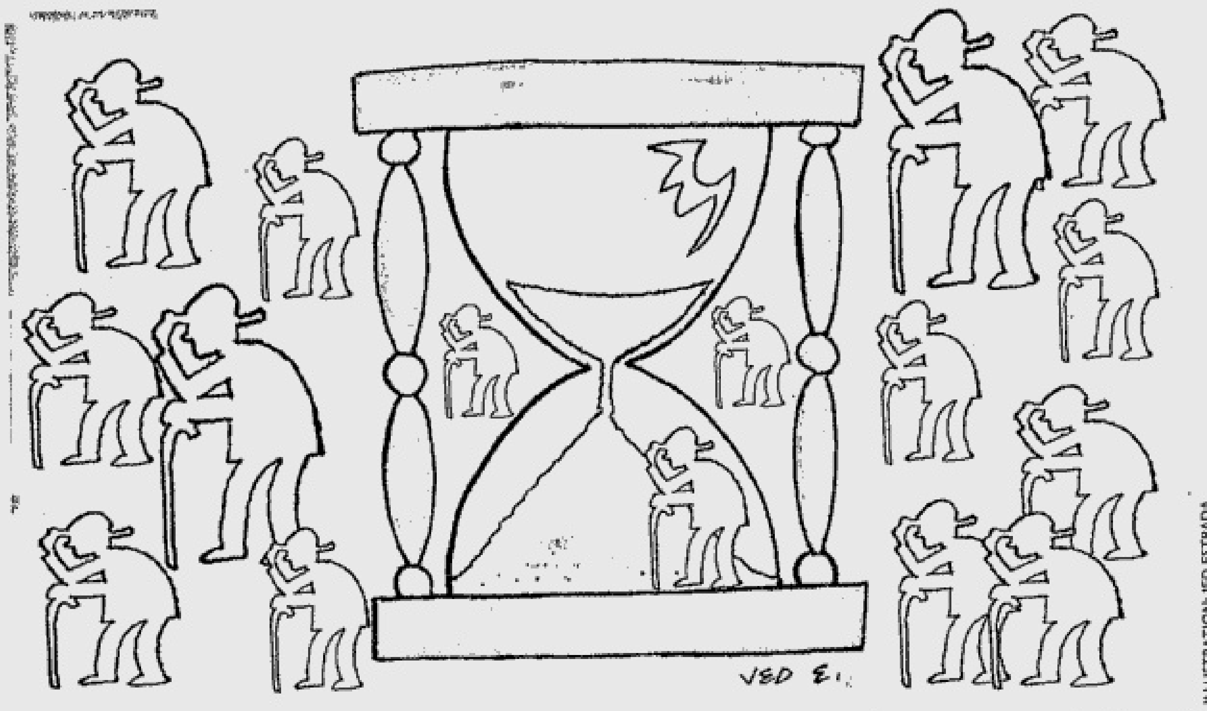
"In the long run, we end up becoming the weaker sex. Since we never complain, we just suddenly drop dead. Females, on the other hand, are more open and so their problems are addressed immediately," he said.

"Men do not see a doctor unless they are seriously ill—and they end up with more expensive health and social costs. From the point of view of medicine, a change in the attitude of males toward preventive health care is necessary to reduce morbidity," he added.

Male foundation

To address these concerns, the PSSAMF was established a year ago. The foundation is composed of medical practitioners from various fields who want to promote the concept of healthy aging among males.

"Hopefully, in the near future we can produce a study on the country's aging population. The data will aid doctors and the foundation on what appropriate steps to take to address the concerns of this particular sector," said Reyes.



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By age 50, each one of us, no matter how fit, will start experiencing a slow decline in body functions.

Among aging males, three types of health problems have been identified: major preventable diseases, chronic disabling conditions and psychosocial problems.

Reyes said doctors, nongovernment organizations and the government should address the following conditions and ailments that afflict most aging men.

Andropause. Between the ages of 40 and 55, men can experience andropause, a phenomenon similar to the female menopause. Andropause is distinguished through a drop in testosterone hormone levels.

"But unlike women, men do not have clear-cut signs, such as the cessation of menstruation, to mark this transition. Men's 'transition' may be more gradual and develop over many decades. Attitude, stress, alcohol, injuries, surgery, medications, obesity and infections can contribute to its onset," Reyes explained.

Studies show that a decline in testosterone levels can put men at risk for other health problems like heart disease and weak bones.

"With age, a decline in testosterone level will occur in virtually all men. There is no way of predicting who will experience severe andropausal symptoms that will require medical help. Each man's symptoms may be also different," said Reyes.

Benign prostatic hyperplasia. This condition, also known as enlargement of the prostate, is common later in life and affects more than half of the men in their 60s and as many as 90 percent of the men in their 70s and 80s. It rarely develops before 40.

"Although enlargement of the prostate is a normal part of aging, problems with urination that often accompany this enlargement are not normal," said Dr. Lester Garcia, president of the Philippine Urological Association.

The prostate gland, which is located below the bladder, produces a fluid that combines with sperm to form semen. In most men over 50, the prostate gland begins to grow, causing it to block the urethra, which is the tube where urine flows from the bladder to the penis.

Symptoms of an enlarged prostate usually begin with the difficulty initiating urination, the frequent urge to urinate especially at night and the dripping after urination.

"Soon, you may not be able to eliminate all your urine which can cause your abdomen to swell. If the urine is not released, it can back up and cause kidney damage and other major complications," Garcia explained.

Garcia said men have their prostate checked annually as early as age 40.

"There are several tests to help a doctor identify the problem and decide whether medication or surgery is needed. The tests vary from patient to patient," said Garcia.

Prostate cancer. Although both may manifest similar symptoms, prostate cancer is not related to BPH. And it is believed that about one prostate cancer case in 10 is linked to the genes.

"If you have a family member with prostate cancer, then you have a higher likelihood of developing the disease," said Dr. Jason Letran, chair of PUA's prostate health committee.

Benign tumors may interfere with urinary function, but they are seldom life threatening. Cancerous growths, however, can spread to other parts of the body and may grow rapidly. Once this occurs, successful treatment is difficult.

"Because this type of cancer usually manifests no symptoms in the early stages when it is still curable, all men 50 years or older should be advised to undergo an annual prostate evaluation," said Letran.

Osteoporosis. Although women are four times more likely to acquire it, osteoporosis also occurs in millions of men. Osteoporosis is a disorder where bones become weak and often manifests itself in fractures of the hip, wrist, spine and other bones.

It is seen less often in men for several reasons: they generally have greater bone mass and bone loss in males begins later in life and advances more slowly.

A reduction in testosterone levels is believed to be one of the causes of osteoporosis. A key contributory factor to the ailment is calcium deficiency.

Healthy lifestyle

A diet rich in fruits and vegetables has been associated with a reduction in cardiovascular disease and some cancers. Fruits and vegetables also have beneficial effects on the gastrointestinal tract.

"High-fiber diets have been associated with a reduction in diverticular disease (inflamed pockets that develop in the colon wall) and constipation, which are common problems among older adults," said Reyes.

Physical activity of any form is another important factor an aging male should consider as a preventive measure against diseases and ailments.

Several studies have concluded that moderate-intensity physical activity (like brisk walking) is associated with a variety of health benefits including reduced coronary heart disease morbidity and mortality, controlled blood pressure and glucose and cholesterol levels and improved weight management.

Several health agencies and groups recommend a minimum of 30 minutes of moderate-intensity physical activity on most days of the week.

With a report from AFP

How to distinguish enlarged prostate from cancer

IT is important to see a urologist if you have urinary problems. In eight out of 10 cases, these problems suggest benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH), or enlargement of the prostate. But they also can signal other more serious conditions including prostate cancer.

Only a doctor's examination can these severe conditions be ruled out.

"Severe BPH can cause serious problems over time. Urine retention and strain on the bladder can lead to urinary tract infections, bladder or kidney damage, bladder stones and incontinence. When BPH is detected in its earlier stages, there is less risk of developing such complications," says Dr. Jose Albert Reyes III, chair of the Philippine Society for the Study of Aging Male Foundation Inc.

Reyes suggests several examinations that an individual may undertake to detect BPH and rule out cancer.

"We should remember that no single test can immediately determine if it's BPH or cancer. The doctor must also do some background check on you and your lifestyle," said Reyes.

Digital rectal exam (DRE). This is usually the first test done. The doctor inserts a gloved finger into the rectum and feels the part of the prostate next to the rectum. This gives the doctor a general idea of the size and condition of the gland.

Prostate specific antigen (PSA) blood test. To rule out cancer, your doctor may recommend this test. PSA, a protein produced by prostate cells, is frequently present at elevated levels in the blood of men who have prostate cancer. This procedure is usually done in conjunction with a digital rectal exam to help detect prostate cancer in men aged 50 and above and for monitoring prostate cancer patients after treatment.

Rectal ultrasound. If there is a suspicion of prostate cancer, your doctor may recommend a rectal ultrasound. In this procedure, a probe inserted in the rectum directs sound waves at the prostate. The echo patterns of the sound waves form an image of the prostate gland on a display screen.

Urine flow study. Sometimes the doctor will ask a patient to urinate into a special device that measures how quickly urine is flowing. A reduced flow often suggests BPH.

Intravenous pyelogram (IVP). This is an X-ray of the urinary tract. A dye is injected into a vein and the X-ray is taken. The dye makes the urine visible on the X-ray and shows any obstruction in the urinary tract.

Cystoscopy. The doctor inserts a small tube through the opening of the urethra in the penis. This procedure is done after a solution numbs the inside of the penis so all sensation is lost. The tube, called a cystoscope, contains a lens and light system which help the doctor see the inside of the urethra and the bladder. This test allows the doctor to determine the size of the gland and identify the location and degree of the obstruction.

Charles E. Buban

What is an ostomy

OSTOMY, a type of surgery for those who have lost normal function of the bladder or bowel, is said to have been performed since the early 1700s. It became more commonplace in the late 1800s. Surgical techniques have greatly improved since then.

Anyone from a newborn baby to the very old undergo an ostomy. The types of ostomies are ileostomy, colostomy and urostomy.

The Young Ostomy United Inc. in Australia said the most common causes for ostomy are cancer, inflammatory bowel disease, congenital abnormalities, Hirchsprungs disease, imperforated anus, trauma and diverticular disease.

People who suffer from cancer of the colon or rectum are those who usually undergo an ostomy.

According to the 1998 Philippine Cancer Facts and Estimates, colon cancer ranks sixth while rectum cancer ranks 11th.

Both colon and rectum cancer cases increase markedly beyond age 50.

Ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease are inflammatory bowel diseases usually treated with medication and dietary modification. But a small number require ostomy surgery.

Tessa R. Salazar

OSTOMY STORIES

People living with bag on their stomach

By Tessa R. Salazar

IN MARCH 1972, Peter of Malaysia found his stool streaked with blood. After a medical checkup, Peter, 27, found out he had cancer of the rectum and had to be operated on. The procedure he had to undergo was called an ostomy.

Ostomy is a type of surgery for persons who have lost the normal function of the bladder or bowel due to birth defects, diseases like colorectal cancer, accidents, injury or other disorders. Examples of ostomies are colostomy (removal of part of the large intestines), ileostomy (removal of the entire large intestines and the rectum) and urostomy (removal of the bladder).

The surgery allows normal body wastes to be expelled through a surgical opening (stoma) on the abdominal wall. Most people with ostomies must wear special gadgets over the stoma. People with stoma—a Greek word for opening—are known as ostomates.

As an ostomate, Peter had to wear a special belt-and-bag contraption to hold his waste. He had tried many types of belt-and-bag sets sold in pharmacies but he found them either too big or too unwieldy to wear. So he improvised a plastic flange-and-ring and bought ordinary grocery plastic bags to serve as pouches. This improvisation cost him only $10 a year.

Humiliation

Peter also had frustrating experiences with the belt-and-bag contraption. It was not leak proof. Whenever he was seated near people, he would feel uneasy. He was worried his stoma might ooze out and offend people.

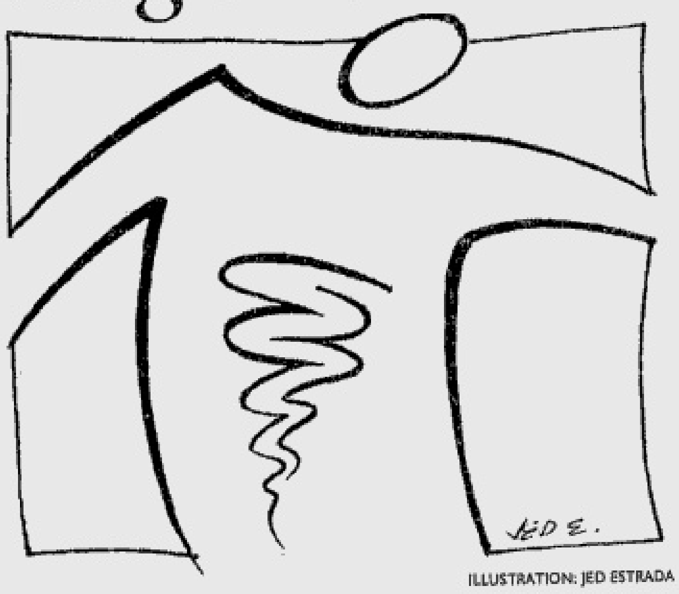
When he attended a short educational course, he had to pay double so he could occupy a whole room for himself. When he suffered from diarrhea while in an express coach in Paris, his pouch emitted a pungent odor and the women nearby pointed to him. He was terribly humiliated.

Yet, despite his condition, Peter was able to enjoy life. Proof of this was that he had traveled and studied extensively in many countries.

He is now a member of the Stoma Care Association and has known many ostomates, nurses, doctors and members of international ostomate associations.

Tap dancer

Ballerina Lourdes Silvestre Villaflor, a retired Philippine Women's University professor, was one of the first Bayanihan dancers who traveled abroad.



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Three years ago, she began experiencing irregular bowel movements. For two months, she felt like she was having diarrhea and constipation alternately. When she saw streaks of blood in her feces, she saw her doctor immediately.

Medical examinations revealed she had colorectal cancer. The doctors cut 10 inches from her large intestines, then they put a stoma on her abdomen.

Villaflor said she was able to adjust to her colostomy bag in just a few months. Today, she sees to it that the bag doesn't get in the way of her activities.

Now 76, Villaflor is still tap dancing. Her recent medical examination yielded good results.

Incidentally, Villaflor's father also had a colostomy at the age of 57. Not only that he had the first successful operation of its kind at the Philippine General Hospital, but also he lived for another 18 years after the surgery.

Problems

UP-PGH colorectal surgeon Alberto Roxas, secretary general of the 4th Asian Ostomy Association Conference slated on Oct. 23-26 in Manila, estimated that for every 25 patients at the PGH, about five are due for ostomy surgery.

Enterostomal-therapy (ET) nurse Nilda Escueta said that about five ostomy operations are being performed in the PGH charity ward each week.

Escueta and Tina Presbetero estimated that they have handled about 2,000 ostomy patients in UP-PGH.

Presbetero said Filipino ostomates have to deal with a shortage of ostomy clinics and ET nurses and staff. (Four of the six ET nurses have left the country.)

As if that was not enough, ostomy patients also have to bear the burden of having to buy expensive gadgets. Those who can't afford them make do with improvised bags or depend on donations from other countries.

"Unlike ostomates from other countries who get colostomy bags for free, ostomates here have to purchase them. But we get donations from countries like the United States and Australia," Presbetero said.

Presbetero said ostomy advocates are encouraging more hospitals to get involved in training. Patients are also being advised to join the Ostomy Association of the Philippines.

Fixing broken hearts

By Massie K. Santos
Contributor

THE SO-CALLED love month was over two days ago, yet some people still have a hangover, their fancies still turning to thoughts of love. On Valentine's Day, those in relationships fell for many marketing schemes, while those unattached either didn't care or were too busy thinking about lost loves.

With this emphasis on matters of the heart, it seems apt to discuss the latest techniques in repairing literally damaged hearts. An aspirin and a couple of glasses of red wine a day can only do so much to keep the human heart healthy. And with heart disease now ranked as the industrial world's leading killer, the stakes are high.

Early this year, American and Italian researchers announced they had proof that the human heart could repair itself.

Stem cells

Using data from human heart transplant patients, they found that the donated hearts were integrated into the patient's system with the help of what are possibly primitive cardiac stem cells that rebuild heart muscle and blood vessels.

The idea of using stem cells to repair damaged organs is no longer news, although the discovery of stem cells in the heart is significant. Researchers in Toronto, Canada have been repairing rodent hearts by injecting them with stem cells for the past five years. Now they hope to join Brazil, France, the Netherlands and the United States in applying the treatment to humans.

To avoid the ethical issues raised by the use of stem cells, researchers plan to use the patients' own stem cells taken from their blood, bone marrow or muscle. Using a patient's own cells will also prevent any chance of rejection from his immune system.

Growing hearts

Another international coalition however isn't just concerned with repairing a damaged heart, but rather replacing it with one grown especially to take its place.

Forget the Abiocor heart, which is only for people over six feet tall and weighing more than 220 lb. This labor of love—all the work is voluntary—is known as the Living Implants from Engineering (LIFE) initiative. Its goal is "to use tissue engineering and regeneration to produce an endless supply of vital human organs for transplantation."

The project is the brainchild of Michael Sefton, director of the Institute of Biomaterials and Biomedical Engineering at the University of Toronto. He first thought about building a human heart in 1998 and by the end of that year he had formed the initiative with other prominent scientists from all over the world.

This is a venture that requires at least a 10-year commitment from those involved and may well run over the estimated $5-billion budget before success is announced.

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Hard work

Building a heart isn't easy: there are 10 billion cells in a heart and about 10 different types of cells. There must also be a frame to hold all the cells and a network of blood vessels to deliver nutrients to all these cells. These various components have to be put together and the organ has to be stored without suffering any damage until it is needed.

The work was divided among 70 scientists in 40 universities in six countries and rapid progress has been achieved to produce a "natural" human heart.

Paul Zandstra, holder of the Canada Research Chair of Stem Cell Bioengineering at the University of Toronto, has figured out how to make embryonic mouse stem cells into heart muscle cells with the help of cytokines, proteins that guide stem cells into becoming specific cell types. He's now awaiting government approval for the use of human stem cells.

At Harvard, MIT and Laval University in Quebec, research labs are making blood vessels using different techniques. One group is trying to get the blood vessels to grow toward the heart cells. Another group is growing the three layers of the blood vessels in long sheets then rolling them up with the help of a pipette. (Once the vessel is shaped, the pipette is removed.)

Strong frame

Universities in Toronto and Washington State, on the other hand, have teamed up to work on the frame to place all the cells on. The frame has to be strong yet permeable so the cells can grow not just around but through it, and it has to be able to withstand movements caused by heartbeats.

So far researchers have found polyurethane to be the best material for the frames.

If all these work don't produce a viable human heart, they will at least have a major impact on treating heart disease.

Will tissue-engineered hearts become reality in 10 years?

"It may be too far out for some people to digest but a decade ago, people thought the same thing about the Human Genome Project," says Sefton.

Still it is unclear whether or not Sefton intends to produce tissue-engineered heart plentiful enough to remove the need for organ donation someday.

Giving someone a heart may not be as romantic as giving one's own, but then it's not easy to have a relationship when one of the persons involved isn't alive. Just ask Buffy and Angel.

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Genetically modified crops: boon or bane?

(First of three parts)

EUREKA!

Queena N. Lee-Chua

PERHAPS the most visible public image of genetically modified (GM) crops was that of the Monsanto company—besieged by safety issues, public mistrust and plummeting stock prices.

I have followed the GM crops controversy with great interest and have read several American and European publications (both print and electronic) debating its pros and cons.

I have to confess that at one point I wondered where our country's scientists stood. I soon got my answer. The National Academy of Science and Technology (NAST), the highest government advisory body on these two fields, stands squarely behind the development of biotechnology.

In August and September, I wrote a three-part series online ("Mind Games," www.inq7.net) on the scientists' sentiments, quoting from their letters to President Macapagal and their press releases. Since then I have received several letters from concerned readers, mostly asking for more proof of GM crops' safety.

Thus, I decided to do this series and to bring it to an audience with no access to electronic media. The furor over GM crops will not go away, so it is wise for all of us to make as much scientific sense out of this issue as we can.

I have to confess that I am no agriculturist or biotechnologist. Fortunately, Ms Luningning Samarita kindly gave me permission to reprint the following excerpts from the NAST paper "GM Crops: Biosafety and Food Safety Issues and Concerns."

Wide scope

Biotechnology is any biology-based technology, which uses living organisms or their parts to make or modify products, improve microorganisms, plants and animals.

As early as the 16th century, Filipinos have practiced biotechnology in preparing *basi*, *tuba* and *tapuy* as well as *patis*, vinegar and *bagoong*.

The scope of biotechnology is wide—from classic techniques such as fermentation-producing products (mentioned above) and biological nitrogen fixation to more modern innovations such as tissue and cell culture, recombinant diagnostics and genetically engineered, GM or transgenic microorganisms, animals and plants.

Modern biotechnology is often equated with processes involving genetic engineering or recombinant DNA technology that started in the 1970s.

Genetic engineering is the transfer of specific genes into an organism. The gene of interest is obtained (or cloned) from its source and is inserted, either in modified or unmodified form, into an appropriate substance.

Since the mid-1980s, several medical products manufactured through modern biotech have been approved by regulatory bodies for use. These include human insulin, interferon, interleukin, erythropoietin and hepatitis B vaccine.

Various industries have utilized recombinant enzymes such as those needed to make cheese, detergents and fructose from glucose.

In agriculture, more than 40 million hectares of GM crops were grown in 12 countries in 1999. About 50 percent of the corn, cotton and soybean planted in the United States in 1999 were resistant to herbicide or were insect-protected or both. Other GM crops are insect-protected potato, virus-protected papaya and canola with higher lauric acid.

Benefits

Among the benefits reported to have accrued from these GM crops are:

- Reduced chemical pesticide use by 450,000 kg and increased yields by 39 million kg (worth $92 million) in Bt cotton grown on one million hectares in 1998.
- Increased yield by 8 percent, better grain quality and no chemical pesticide used on Bt corn grown on 800,000 hectares in 1998.
- Use of less hazardous herbicides and reduced need for farmers to till the soil to remove weeds thus reducing soil erosion in herbicide tolerant crops.

However, despite the perceived benefits of agricultural biotech products, several environmental and health concerns have resulted to opposition to, wariness about and lack of public acceptance of GM crops in many countries. This reaction was quite unlike the public acceptance of medical products that were derived through modern biotechnology.

Regulation

The United States has perhaps the most comprehensive regulation concerning research and development of GM crops. In our country, the National Committee on Biosafety of the Philippines (NCBP) deals with biosafety issues, including field-testing.

The NCBP approved the application for field testing of transgenic corn (Bt corn) by Pioneer Hi-Bred and Monsanto Philippines in collaboration with the Institute of Plant Breeding (IPB) in 1999. The first Bt corn field-testing was conducted on 500 sq. m. in the Agroseed research station in General Santos City from December 1999 to March 2000.

Current efforts on the use of modern biotech techniques in crop improvement include the development at the IPB of delayed ripening trait in papaya and mango and the development of ringspot virus-resistant papaya and bunchytop virus-resistant banana.

PhilRice is using genetic engineering to develop rice varieties resistant to diseases such as bacterial sheath blight and tungro.

Biotech, in collaboration with PhilRice, is engineering rice resistant to steam borer, brown planthopper and green leafhopper.

These activities are regulated and monitored by the NCBP and the institutional biosafety committees of the institutions concerned.

As for food safety regulations, two agencies are involved: the Department of Health's Bureau of Food and Drugs and the Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Product Standards.

However, guidelines for food safety and the regulatory framework for biotech foods have yet to be made.

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Women with cancer get card support

IN RECENT years, women have been confronted by the debilitating effects of cancer. This situation has reached alarming levels to the extent that we can readily think of a number of women within the circle of family, friends, coworkers and neighborhood who have had a bout with cancer.

CARLETA

VALENZUELA

While some women still choose to put aside the reality that they could be the next victims, most women are waking up to the need to secure themselves and their families in the event that they get cancer-afflicted.

Cancer rider

When HSBC conceptualized its Red MasterCard specifically to answer women's needs, one of its distinctive benefits zeroed in on an insurance coverage, which specified a cancer rider.

Through a special arrangement with PhilamLife, HSBC Red Mastercard is able to offer to its cardholders a lower monthly premium chargeable to the card, plus an instant claim of P100,000 in the event that the cardholder is diagnosed with cancer.

Two HSBC Red Master Cardholders who applied for the insurance package shared their respective reasons for doing so.

Forty-year-old Clarissa Carleta belongs to the growing breed of independent women who believes in securing her family and herself with an insurance coverage.

Since I don't have children, I think of the security of my nieces and nephew and my parents," says Carleta.

"After I was given an application for the HSBC RedMasterCard while I was shopping in MegaMall, they sent me an application form for their insurance package. I signed up immediately because I noticed that the monthly premium was lower than the previous insurance plan I got. And it's more convenient to pay because I can charge it to my HSBC Red Mastercard.

She also took note of the cancer rider, aware that cancer is a threat to many women of recent times.

Different women have different motivations for signing up for an insurance plan.

Rosalyn Valenzuela, 26, was coaxed by her manager to apply for an HSBC Red MasterCard and when Rosalyn noticed that the card offered an insurance benefit, she found it providential. In a few months, she will be a first-time mother.

Young working mothers

More HSBC Red MasterCard holders tend to be young, working mothers with the propensity to be financially independent and conscious of their security, health and well-being.

Recognizing that financial security rates highly in a woman's list of priorities, HSBC tied up with PhilamLife to design a life insurance package customized for women.

This insurance plan provides coverage of up to P1,000,000 and has a free Female Cancer Rider which provides a lump sum payment of as much as P100,000 upon diagnosis of a female-specific career. Best of all, this is offered at an exclusively affordable price and is paid monthly via the Red MasterCard.

The case of the resurrected machismo

By Rafael R. Castillo, MD

MEDICAL FILES

A FEW months ago, a patient of mine, a 65-year-old diabetic who had a heart attack two months earlier, called me up at close to midnight and asked, "Doc, sorry to bother you, but is it okay for me to have sex with my wife tonight?"

"Well," I replied trying to recall his case very carefully, "you did very well in your stress test prior to discharge from the hospital suggesting no risk of another heart attack. If you and your wife feel like doing it tonight, I don't see any reason you should not."

After saying a quick thank you, he hung up. Thirty minutes later, he called up again and said, "Doc, I tried but it just won't rise to the occasion. I have a leftover Viagra tablet someone gave me before I had the heart attack. Is it safe for me to take it?"

"When was the last time you took your nitrates, the small tablets you put under the tongue when you have chest pains?" I asked.

"Never, since I left the hospital. In fact, I don't keep any of those pills anymore," he quickly answered.

I gave him my "blessings" and expected another call from him, but he didn't call anymore that night. The following day, he sent me a basket of fresh mangoes which, I presumed, was an indication that the previous night's undertaking was a success.

Apprehensions

A lot of patients and even doctors still have some apprehensions about taking sildenafil—the generic component of Viagra—for their sexual or erectile dysfunction if they have a heart condition. Although occasional serious adverse events have been reported in those taking nitrates, available clinical data indicate no added risk for heart patients who are not on any type of nitrates. Nitrates are vasodilators, which some heart patients may take to relieve chest pains. Nitrates may be taken regularly as a maintenance medication or as needed under the tongue when one has chest pains.

It is likely that the concomitant use of sildenafil and nitrates may cause a profound drop in the blood pressure. Hence, the use of nitrates or access of the patient to this preparation, is considered a contraindication to the intake of sildenafil.

Recently, several stories have been written in the newspapers of the possible adverse side-effect of sildenafil on the heart. This has prompted several patients of mine to call me to ask if they could still use the drug. Once, I gave the wrong answer by telling the patient, "Yes, it's safe to take sildenafil with doctor's supervision," to which the patient reacted with a quizzical tone, "You mean you have to be around, Doc to supervise me when I do it with my wife?" I had to explain to him that what I meant was that patients have to be assessed properly by their physicians to make sure that they're physically fit for the act (and most usually are) and that they are not on nitrates, the concomitant use of which with sildenafil, is the one associated with potentially adverse cardiovascular events.

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This is the fourth year since sildenafil was introduced in the country. There is no question that it has been a boon to many Filipino men with erectile dysfunction (ED) and has helped restore intimacy in the relationships of many Filipino couples. Dr. James Wee, Pfizer assistant medical director, tells me that to date, over 16.4 million men with ED of various etiologies have been treated worldwide, with over 70 million prescriptions written by doctors and over 715 million tablets dispensed since it was launched in 1998.

Studies

In a recent research study, it was shown that sildenafil has helped men with ED improve the confidence, making them feel better about themselves and has helped couples restore the romance in their relationships improving their overall relationship.

The drug continues to be the subject of an increasing number of new and larger studies. Scientific studies show no difference in the occurrence of heart attack or death between patients treated with sildenafil and those treated with placebo or dummy pills.

In an analysis of more than 11,000 patient years of experience with sildenafil from clinical trials, researchers have found no difference in the incidence of stroke, heart attack or death in men taking sildenafil versus those on placebo, despite the fact that the rate of sexual activity or sexual intercourse was three to four times higher among sildenafil users.

Even in patients stable coronary artery disease or narrowing of the arteries, sildenafil does not aggravate myocardial ischemia—the lack of oxygen in the heart—in men with stable coronary artery disease who are not on nitrates.

Using ultrasound (Echocardiogram) images of the heart during exercise, Mayo Clinic researchers have shown for the first time that sildenafil does not adversely affect blood flow to the heart in men with stable coronary artery disease who are not taking nitrates.

In a similar study, presented at the American Heart Association meeting in November 2001, the authors found that men with coronary artery disease were to exercise at twice the level of exertion commonly experienced during sexual activity with no serious adverse events. Some doctors consider the sexual act as a "mini stress test."

Well tolerated

Sildenafil is also well tolerated in patients taking concomitant antihypertensive medications, including those on multidrug regimens. Safety was assessed in 3,975 men—1,094 of whom were taking one or more antihypertensive agent—who received sildenafil or placebo in 18 well designed studies. The incidence of the most common adverse events and of adverse events potentially related to blood pressure decreases were similar in both sildenafil groups (those taking concomitant antihypertensive medications and those who were not on antihypertensive medications).

What then can explain the isolated reports of men succumbing to a heart attack implicating the intake of sildenafil? It seems more likely that the ischemia and cardiac events reported with sildenafil in men with coronary artery disease who engage in sex soon after sildenafil are related more to the performance (perhaps, overperformance) of the sexual activity in a patient with severely diseased coronary arteries. Some patients may get a little overwhelmed by their resurrected sexual machismo that they may tend to overdo it. This is unfortunate and potentially tragic; but as a patient of mine would proudly proclaim, "Doing it is worth dying a thousand deaths."

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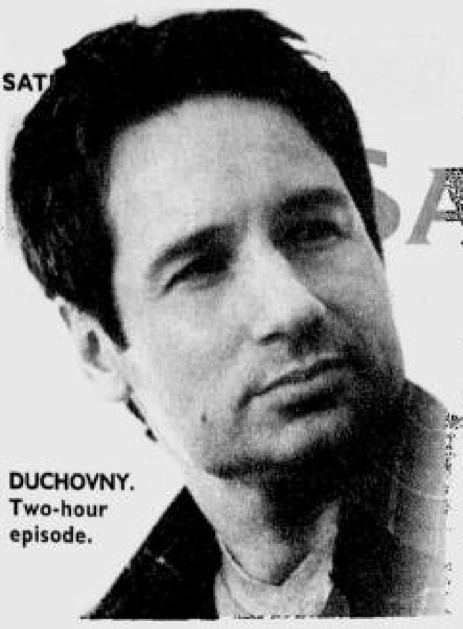

DUCHOVNY. Two-hour episode.

David Duchovny to return as Mulder in 'X-Files' finale

Viewers were attracted by the chemistry between Duchovny, who was obsessed with uncovering the conspiracy, and Anderson, whose faith in science was challenged by events and phenomena she could not explain

LOS ANGELES—Turns out the truth really is out there and so is former "X-Files" star David Duchovny.

The Fox television network said Duchovny, whose participation in the series finale was uncertain when the show's retirement was announced last month, will indeed appear in a final two-hour send-off.

Questions

Details of the final episodes are under wrap, but Fox, which broadcasts the show, and series creator Chris Carter have promised that many of the questions raised in the show's nine seasons will finally be answered.

In the final episode being written by Carter, Duchovny's character, Agent Fox Mulder, who has been absent from the show this year, will be reunited with fellow Agent Dana Scully, played by Gillian Anderson.

Duchovny, who at one point sued 20th Century Film Corp. alleging inside dealing when it sold syndicated "X-Files" episodes to sister networks—will also direct one of the final episodes set to air April 28.

That episode's plot is derived from an idea that Duchovny co-wrote with Carter and executive producer Frank Spotnitz.

Limited role

Duchovny played a limited role on the show last season, with actor Robert Patrick taking over as lead male in the role of Agent John Doggett.

But many diehard fans lost interest as the story left its roots and Annabeth Gish joined the show as Agent Monica Reyes.

When it debuted in 1993, "The X-Files" quickly developed a cult following with tales of the paranormal set against the backdrop of a government conspiracy to cover up an alien invasion.

Viewers were also attracted by the chemistry between Duchovny, whose character was obsessed with uncovering the conspiracy, and Anderson, whose faith in science was regularly challenged by events and phenomena she could not explain.

The show won 15 Emmy awards over the years, including acting honors for Anderson. It also spawned a feature film, with a second film now in the works. *Reuters*

Actors' union reaches deal with talent agents

By Steve Gorman

LOS ANGELES—Hollywood agents, already famed for their wheeling and dealing, sealed a deal on Monday that gives them more sway in movies and television production.

Investments

The agents and the Screen Actors Guild reached an agreement that allows talent agencies to make investments of up to 20 percent in film and television production, thus easing business rules dating back to 1939 that limited them to only a 10 percent investment.

In setting the 20 percent ownership rule, the deal relaxes barriers designed to curb conflicts of interests among agents by preventing them from having too big an ownership interest in companies for which their clients work.

For the agencies, the deal gives them greater ability to attract much-needed capital and to compete with rival talent managers in Hollywood who already can represent clients' interests while producing movies and TV shows. Agents hammer out contracts for their clients in specific productions while talent managers guide their clients careers.

The agents argued that management companies have a financial advantage because managers can package actors, directors or writers in TV shows they also produce.

Intense talks

The proposed deal caps five weeks of intense talks—and years of wrangling—between the Screen Actors Guild (SAG) and the Association of Talent Agents/National Association of Talent Representatives (Ata/Natra).

Besides allowing talent agencies to buy up to 20 percent of an independent movie or TV production company, the agency can sell up to 20 percent of their companies to producers, SAG officials said in outlining the deal to reporters.

But the pact forbids movie studios, television networks or their affiliates from holding a stake in talent agencies.

The agreement also allows talent agencies to acquire up to 20 percent of an advertising agency and gives certain ad agencies the right to own up to 20 percent of a talent agency. All ownership interests between talent agencies and production companies and advertising firms would be fully disclosed.

The three-year deal, which amends the 1939 "master franchise agreement" between actors and talent agents, must now be approved by SAG's board of directors and the union's 98,000 members by referendum. It also must be ratified by talent agencies. The SAG board meets March 11. *Reuters*

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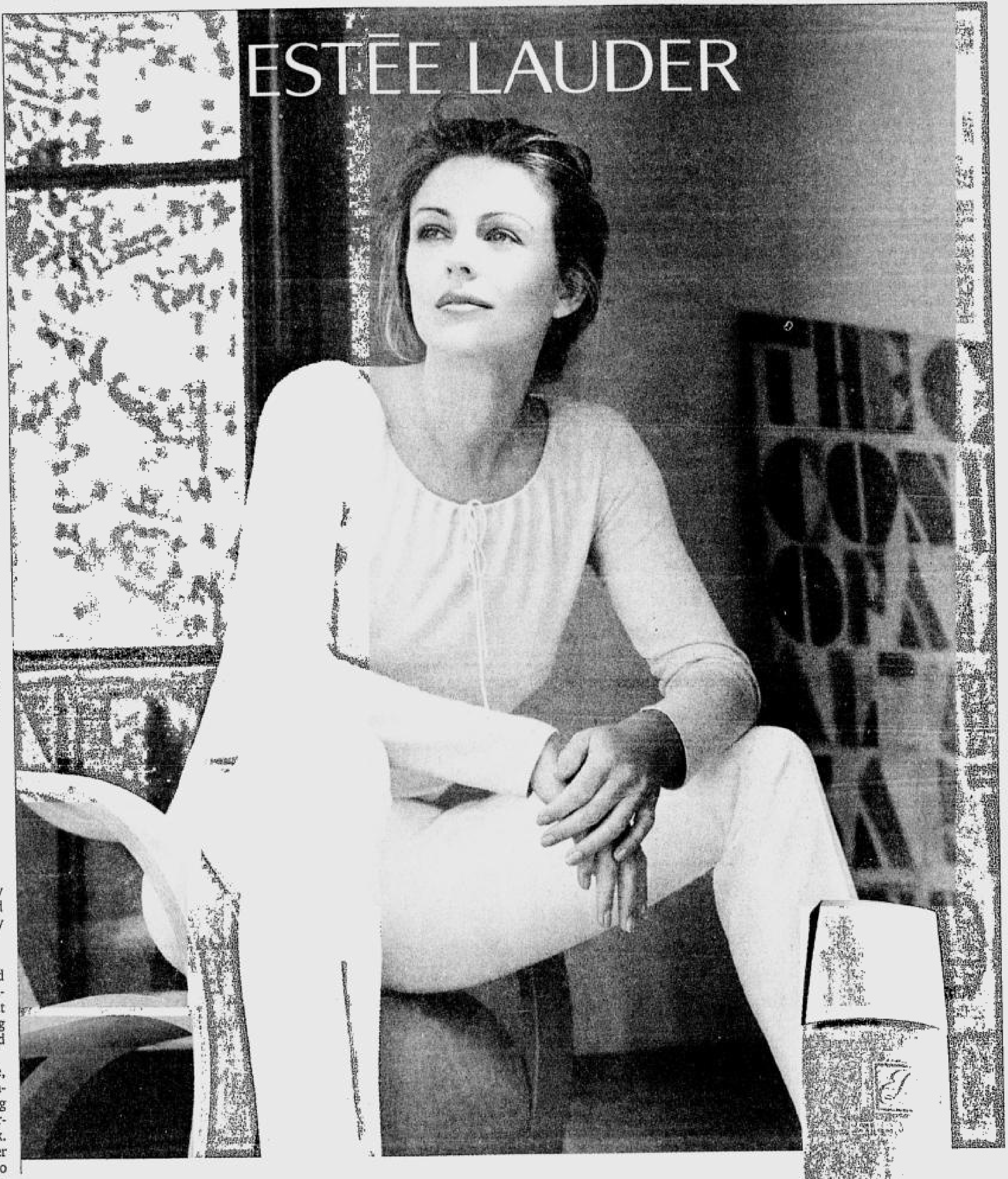

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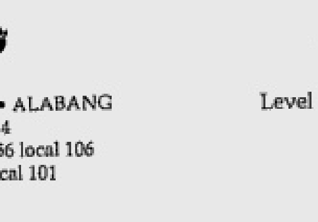

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'Let's Go to the Movies' bares little-known facts about Hollywood

By Leia Torre

PUBLISHED in 1992 by the Santa Monica Press, the book "Let's Go to the Movies," A Collection of Tales, Trivia, and Quotes by Lester Gordon, is a handy little volume containing all sorts of quirky, interesting trivia about Hollywood and its occupants.

Information

The information contained in the book is divided and classified under seven headings: "Fascinating Facts About Movies and Your Favorite Stars," "Famous Quips and Quotes," "Masters of the Malaprop: Samuel Goldwyn and Mike Curtiz," "It's All in the Name," "Top Tens and Other Lists," "Fifty Facts About Eleven Hollywood Superstars" and "Test Your Movie Trivia Knowledge." The eighth portion is composed of the answers to the questions in the seventh section.

The most hilarious part of the book lists some of the most comical abuses to which Goldwyn and Mike Curtiz have subjected the English language. Samuel Goldwyn was a legendary film producer and movie mogul, while Curtiz was the Hungarian-born director of "Casablanca."

Confusion

While the former's "Goldwynisms" were mostly characterized by the improper usage of words, phrases, or idioms, Mike Curtiz' "famous" lines are loaded with contradictions, unintentional self-insults, and just plain confusion.

Some examples of the Goldwynisms included in the book are: "A verbal contract isn't worth the paper it's written on," "I can answer you in two words—im possible," "Our comedies are not to be laughed at" and "Include me out!"

Mike Curtiz uttered such head-scratchers as "Don't talk to me while I'm interrupting. Now, ride off in all directions!" Makes one wonder what Gary Cooper, at whom this remark was directed, thought of *that*.

An example of Curtiz's inadvertent self-insults goes like this: "The next time I send a dope, I'll go myself"—Did he really mean that?!

Most of the interesting stuff is packed into the book's first section, appropriately titled "Fascinating Facts About the Movies and Your Favorite Stars." What's nice is that some of the trivia seem like they were designed to make one laugh at the vagaries of fate. Like the entry that states that Gene Hackman and Dustin Hoffman were voted least likely to succeed by their classmates at the Playhouse Acting School, and another entry that informs us that Lucille Ball was kicked out of drama school for being too shy! O...kay. Whatever you say!

Remake

Other entries are proof that sometimes, it's not only acting skill that gets the part, it's the nose, like when Cecil B. DeMille hired Charlton Heston for the remake of "The Ten Commandments" upon noticing that the actor's nose was broken in the same place as where Michelangelo's statue of Moses has its nose broken.

And, while Charlton Heston's not-so-perfect nose earned him a lead roles, Clark Gable's too-big ears were responsible for making his first screen test a failure! Well, whoever said that life was fair probably had Charlton Heston's nose in mind . . .

One of the most interesting sections involves the Academy Awards. Walt Disney was given one standard-sized Oscar statue and seven miniature statues for his film "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs." Now, that was history in the making.

DUSTIN Hoffman was voted least likely to succeed by his classmates at the Playhouse Acting School.

The book also illustrates how movies can profoundly affect the fashion industry by including this entry: The sales of undershirts fell nearly 40 percent after Clark Gable opened his shirt to reveal a bare chest in "It Happened One Night." Sorry, guys, but an undershirt-less torso does not a Clark Gable make.

Problems

Individual food preferences could also create problems. It did for Mel Blanc, who hated carrots, and yet was the voice of Bugs Bunny, who loved them. The solution: whenever he was recording the soundtrack for Bugs, he would keep a bucket next to him where he could spit out the carrots that Bugs was known for eating.

"Famous Quips and Quotes" effectively shows how Hollywood residents view their own neighborhood. One of the most cynical statements was made by Will Rogers: "There is only one thing that can kill the movies, and that is education." Ouch! Another cynical statement: "Any girl can be glamorous. All you have to do is stand still and look stupid." Kinda implies that any woman who uses her brain is ugly. We object!

"Fifty Facts About Eleven Hollywood Superstars" caters to those who are admirers of Humphrey Bogart, Marlon Brando, Joan Crawford, Bette Davis, Clark Gable, Cary Grant, Katharine Hepburn, Marilyn Monroe, Jimmy Stewart, Elizabeth Taylor, and John Wayne.

"Top Tens and Other Lists" may have to be updated. "Test Your Movie Trivia Knowledge" is comprised of dozens of identification questions concerning actors, actresses, and the movies they appeared in. You have to be a dedicated movie addict to ace this one. The last part of the book lists the answers.

Having a catchy screen name is important, as the "It's All in the Names" section shows. Imagine having to remember Walter Matthau as Walter Matuschanskayasky? Whew! Others change their names altogether, like Archibald Alexander Leach transforming himself into Cary Grant!

Jack Black is a comic find

By Nestor U. Torre

VIEWERS who are used to seeing "compatible" stellar tandems could be thrown off by the above-the-title billing in the current film, "Shallow Hal": starring Gwyneth Paltrow and Jack Black.

Unknown factor

Paltrow is a familiar and bankable screen name—but, Jack Black? The name is an unknown factor and appears to come way out of left field. Why would such a relative non-entity be tapped to co-star with *the* Gwyneth Paltrow?

Black's cute but less-than-handsome mug is another cause for concern. This average-looking guy is going to smooch it up with the ethereally lovely Gwyneth in the movie's love scenes? He isn't worthy!

On top of that, Black turns out to have a rather squat and even dumpy body, and is shorter than Ms Paltrow. He would be exactly right for the title role of the dumpy ogre in a live-action version of "Shrek," but not as the leading man of a romantic comedy.

While viewing "Shallow Hal," however, we realize why Black was cast as Paltrow's beau: the part doesn't call for a hunk, but for a loser who *thinks* he's a winner. As a result of his self-delusion, he dates only supermodels, who naturally dump him as fast as they can.

This sets him up for the story's karmic comeuppance: his shallowness can be remedied only if he's taught to look beneath the surface appeal of physical beauty. So he's zapped to think that Gwyneth, who's made to look very fat here, is a svelte beauty.

Of course, he eventually sees her for what she is, but not before he's cured of his cruel, fatal shallowness.

Aside from being physically right for his homely, shallow character in the film, Black quickly proves that he deserves his "instant" stardom by being such a funny comedian.

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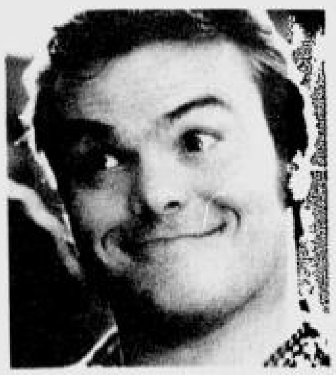

BLACK. A loser who thinks he's a winner.

Where did this gem of a comic find come from? The film's directors, the Farrelly brothers, liked Black in his supporting role in "High Fidelity," and decided that his fresh appeal and high likability factor were what they needed—so, they decided to go out on a limb and offered him the male-lead role in their movie, opposite *the* Gwyneth Paltrow.

Well, they certainly didn't get the ecstatic reaction they expected. Black was so nervous about making his stellar debut under such awe-inspiring circumstances that he balked at accepting the plum role.

His logic: he wasn't ready! He had had some success as a comic, but mostly in supporting parts in budget projects. He was also a musician, a part of the Tenacious D duet, but he hadn't made it big in that performing field, either. And now, he was expected to work with the enormously successful directors and female star?!

In the end, Black accepted the part despite his huge reservations. But that wasn't the end to his nervousness. When he first started shooting his scenes with Paltrow, he was intimidated by her beauty, talent, experience and reputation.

Happily, she succeeded in putting him at ease, and their combination clicks wonderfully in the finished film. And, on his own, Black displays the exceptional comic talent and everyman quality that make for bigtime stardom in Hollywood and elsewhere.

The Farrelly brothers bet on a "loser" type in Jack Black, but it looks like they've come up with a genuine winner!

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A night of 'Illusione'

By Monica S. Gutierrez

BEFORE Margie Moran-Floirendo captured the hearts of people when she won Miss Universe, she had a budding theater career. No, she says she did not have the lead parts, always part of the chorus, but she says that she enjoyed herself immensely in those days. "I really love theater! It's so much fun!" Margie gushes.

In fact, she was already being groomed to play the role of Peter Pan when all of a sudden, she won Miss Universe, and her whole world changed. She got married and went back to school, and the world of theater was forgotten. Well, just for a while.

Raised eyebrows

Lately, she has been producing theater shows in her adopted city of Davao. Her most recent project is sure to raise eyebrows as well as elicit smiles and barrels of laughter from the finicky Filipino audience. After doing another controversial project, "Bagong Buwan," her Bahaghari Productions decided to embark on the show, "Illusione." (The show continues its run tonight at 8 at Onstage in Geenbelt Makati. Other shows are on March 7, 8, 9, 14, 15 and 16.) Margie shares, "We were watching lounge shows featuring female impersonators one night, and we thought, why not explore this venue with these artists, because they're so good!"

She and the other people behind Bahaghari presented the idea to director Fritz Ynfante. Margie was also able to get stylist James Cooper to join the project, first as image consultant, and later on, as one of the main performers. "I met him in New York when I was Miss Universe. He was a professional impersonator—he was Shirley Bassey, Carol Channing, Diana Ross. He was really, really good!" exclaims the beauty queen. These are roles that James Cooper gets to essay one more time, this time, here in the Philippines.

Exciting choreography

We were able to catch "'Illusione" at Onstage Greenbelt on its second night. All in all, the show was very entertaining, with well-chosen musical numbers, exciting choreography, and performers who not only looked like the people they were impersonating, but were also good dancers as well.

The show started with a huge person wearing a pink and green Carmen Miranda-esque dress (minus the fruits in her hair) and really dark make-up to make her look African-American. When she introduced herself, she said she was Oprah Winfrey, but she sounded more like Big Momma. However, Oprah's lines and her delivery was entertaining.

This was followed by a monologue of three gays talking about their experiences. They were costumed in outfits used in "Doble Cara" contests, with the left side of the outfit different from the right side. It was a bit heavy, encountering this at the start of the show. Fortunately, the following numbers consisted of a Broadway revue which the audience enjoyed very much. It opened with "Magic to Do" from "Pippin," the message of which was very apt for the night's show.

The choreography was superb, although the dancers were not yet dancing in unison. One dancer even bumped into another, but fortunately was able to recover. The audience gasped when the stage lights were killed. This revealed their glow-in-the-dark costumes and gloves, made even more dazzling by the choreography.

Other memorable Broadway performances were: "Big Spender" from "Sweet Charity," "Hello, Dolly" and "You Gotta Have a Gimmick" from "Gypsy." Too bad, the lights on the costume of one of the performers were not working that well, and failed to elicit the expected response from the audience.

Scratchy recordings

One other thing we noticed was that the recordings of the songs from the old musicals were already scratchy. The sound quality was poor. The number from "Sunset Boulevard" took the show on a dip because all of a sudden, a slow song was presented.

In the Divas act, we were very impressed with the actors that they got to impersonate Mariah Carey, Whitney Houston, J. Lo and Madonna. They could really pass for the twin sisters of those singers! However, the real Madonna is a very good dancer who is very aggressive with her movements. "Illusione's" Madonna was still quite self-conscious and moved in a very "*mahinhin*" way, which is different from Madonna's image.

James Cooper as Diana Ross

I guess in this case, it was her looks that gave her the part. James Cooper, as promised, did his Diana Ross impersonation, singing "Ain't No Mountain High Enough," much to the delight of the audience. Good friend, Maricel Soriano, was in the audience and was clapping every step of the way. This portion had a lot of dance numbers with catchy tunes.

It would have been more entertaining if the divas were given backup dancers to fill up the stage. Many of the performers still did not know how to do this on their own and thus, some of the numbers came out bland. The '70s divas could have been given some "chuwari-wariwop" behind them, to give them a more '70s feel.

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"ILLUSIONE." Great impersonators and good dancers.

Hold on to your principles

LOTUS POND

R. Valencia and S. Bismark

WOULD you lie in a tub full of crawling rats or worms? Would you let those creatures bite your hands, fingers or legs until they bleed? Would you put those huge, stinking worms in your mouth, chew them and swallow them?

Tests

This is what people are asked to do in a TV show entitled "Fear Factor." The TV show host puts forth tests that he says will challenge a person to overcome his fears. Try eating 10 stinking beetles, five fat worms or even fresh earthworms! Oh yes, no matter how yucky and revolting an activity may be, there are people who will rise up to to such tests.

The prize money ($50,000) is dangled before the contestants until they set aside their apprehensions and just go for it! Really, the show should be entitled "Money Factor," not "Fear Factor." As if the test itself were not enough to cause misery, manipulative contestants actually magnify the horror and agony of the ordeal to discourage others from competing with them.

The show reminds me of what goes on in life itself. What is the price for which people will do anything for you? Criminals will kill for a measly amount. Politicians will hire goons to commit crimes. Corrupt officials will steal funds that should benefit the masses. Individuals will sell illegal drugs just to make a profit. The money factor makes the world go round and creates the hell in which we live.

Vegetarian

Of course, there are people who are not blinded by money. There was one contestant who backed out of a game because she could not bear to eat even one worm. She was a vegetarian. And although she lost, she came out the actual winner because she stood for her principles.

Although Jesus Christ was offered all sorts of material rewards to give up what he was doing, he never succumbed to temptation. He had something more valuable than all the material rewards being dangled before him: love for the Supreme. He had a loving relationship with his Supreme Father that satisfied all his needs and desires. His is the example to be followed.

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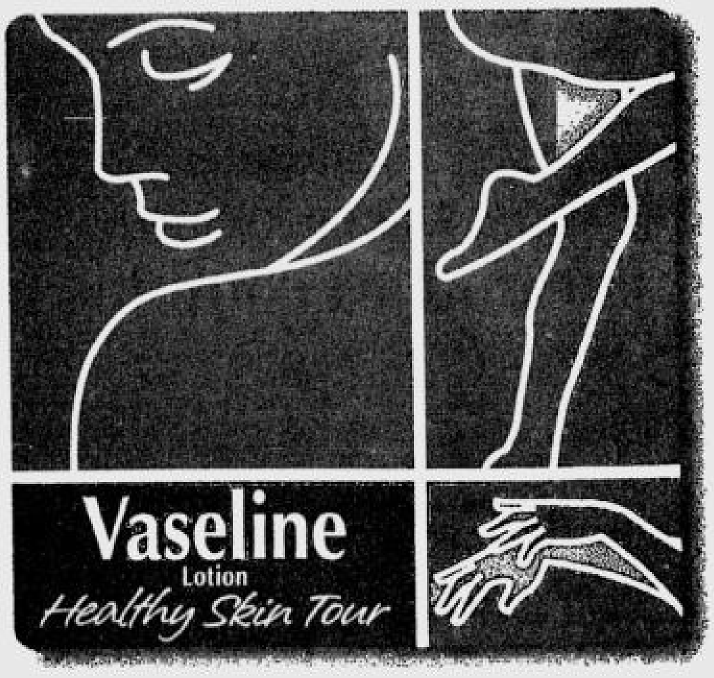

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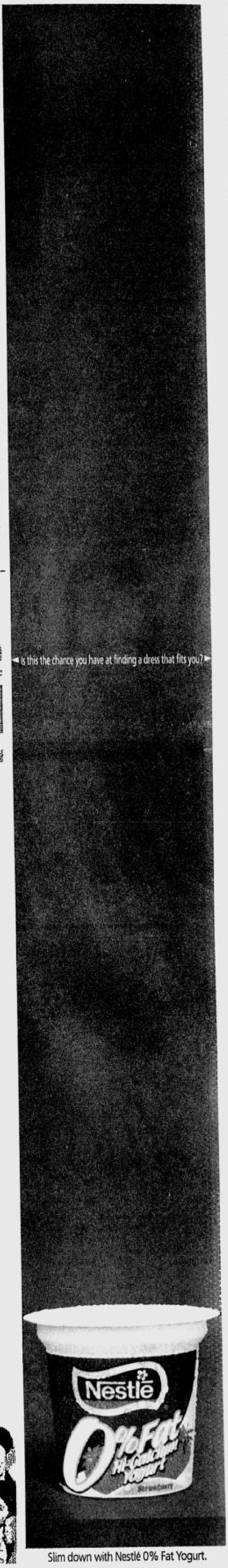

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Oscar nomination, Webber musical boost Bollywood's image

By Maria Abraham

BOMBAY—Bollywood has come of age.

So say Indian filmmakers after an Oscar nomination for a Hindi period film and the launch of a West End musical in the canonical Bollywood song-and-dance, boy-meets-girl mould.

LLOYD WEBBER. His next musical production, "Bombay Dreams," will open in London this June.

Next production

Andrew Lloyd Webber's next production "Bombay Dreams," opening this June in London, borrows from Bollywood in style and substance and is set to music written by one of India's most popular and innovative film composers, the prodigious A.R. Rahman.

And "Lagaan" (Land Tax) which tells the story of a spirited bunch of Indian peasants confronting British colonial oppressors in a cricket match, last week became just the third Indian film to bag an Oscar nomination for best foreign film.

"The Oscar nomination is recognition of a particular form of filmmaking that is different from the rest of the world in idiom and language," Shyam Benegal, an alternative director whose works are popular in the international film festival circuit, told Reuters.

"It's the coming of age of this kind of filmmaking."

Folk tradition

This style evolved from India's folk tradition, where song and dance is integral to storytelling.

"Webber's new musical will really create tremendous excitement," predicts another filmmaker, Govind Nihalani, whose hard-hitting films are also standard fare in festival circles. "It will focus positive attention on Britain's South Asian community and Bollywood."

Even Hollywood has drawn from Bollywood kitsch. "Moulin Rouge," which has multiple Oscar nominations, has snippets of a popular Hindi film song. On a visit to India, its director Baz Luhrmann said he was fascinated by Bollywood.

For an industry that is one of the world's most prolific, churning out a movie every other day, it has been a long wait for international recognition.

In 1957 Mehboob Khan's "Mother India," a poignant story of feudal exploitation set in rural India, was the country's first Oscar nomination in the foreign film category.

The only other Indian movie to be shortlisted, 31 years later, was not a Bollywood product—Mira Nair's "Salaam Bombay" (I Salute Bombay), a stark tale about the city's street children.

"Our films will no longer be dismissed as oddities," said Benegal. "With Hollywood's acceptance, Bollywood has become part of the world."

Until recently, "Bollywood" had a pejorative connotation in some circles.

Excess melodrama

Criticized for making movies with implausible but predictable plots, excess melodrama and mindless violence, the industry did little over the decades to infuse novelty into cliched stories except filming in exotic foreign locales.

But a small yet growing group of newcomers, while working within the genre, is shunning formulaic filmmaking and experimenting with new subjects and stories.

"'Lagaan' has shown we have to make entertaining cinema sensibly to win international recognition," Rishi Kapoor, one-time heartthrob of India's teenyboppers, told Reuters.

And now the lure of Hollywood's top prize and lucrative overseas markets should encourage Indian filmmakers to produce slicker movies, he said.

But not everyone is flattered by the West's sudden attention.

"We should not go over the top about the Oscar nomination," said Shobhaa De, best-selling author and columnist. "For an industry that is nearly 100 years old and this size, we don't have to pander to the West."

Reuters

The news doesn't really need a 'star' to report it on TV

By Nestor U. Torre

ONE of the striking developments on the television news scene is the recent rise of the newsreader or newscaster as TV "star."

Trophies

Some news programs are now built around the credibility or personality of veteran newscasters, and TV awards groups have been handing out trophies not just to outstanding newscasts but to exceptional newsreaders as well.

In a sense, these developments are easy to understand. Of late, the lines between TV entertainment and TV news and public affairs have been blurred by some channels. We think this move is intentional, because entertainment "touches" mean a more "attractive" or even "exciting" newscast, and these qualities could generate increased viewership for a news program.

Objective reportage

But we continue to resist such moves because they erode the TV newscast's need to be an objective reportage of the news, so that viewers can arrive at their own, unprejudiced reactions to current events.

The rise of the newsreader or newscaster as "star" is another move in this same direction. The news doesn't really need a "star" to report it, but a star is an empathetic figure with whom viewers can forge an empathetic relationship that results in regular viewership, which in turn could generate bigger ratings for a newscast.

Trouble is, entertainment stardom has different criteria for credible newscasting, so what we get now is sometimes a superficial attention to good looks, good grooming, chic wardrobe and modulated voices for "star" newscasters.

More important qualities

For newsreaders, the more important qualities are credibility, intelligence, an understanding of the local and global news scene, and authority and clarity in reportage. On local TV, however, these are sometimes given relatively short shrift in favor of the more superficial and "glamorous"attributes.

Which is why we've always wondered why TV awards groups give separate honors to newscasters. What's to award? After all, much of what many of them do is to read news reports written by other people, and to do the occasional brief interview with an important newsmaker.

Granted, this second function requires intelligence and insight, but the bulk of a newscaster's work is still to read the news, and we don't think that function deserves a separate award.

Key element

Of course, some TV people will point out that newscasters set the tone for a newscast, so they *are* a key element in the entire news program. We agree, but we don't approve of the way some of them are being packaged as stars, because they fudge the right focus of a newscast, which should be on the news itself.

We also don't like the way that this star mentality has negatively affected the work of some "name" newscasters, who preen and perform like celebrities rather than the news workers they should be at heart.

Real luminaries

To be real luminaries on the TV news scene, newscasters should also go out into the field looking for news, and write their reports themselves. If they don't do that, they should dim their lights, reduce their stellar poses and flourishes, and just get on with reading the news as clearly and intelligently as they can manage.

As for televiewers, we should have a better appreciation of our own priorities. Let's look for stars in entertainment, not in TV news reportage!

If we must admire on-camera people in newscasts, let's focus on substance and not on wardrobe, good grooming, modulated voices and self-absorbed gimmicks and flourishes. Ultimately, they distract from and water down the news, which should be the main reason why we view newscasts in the first place.

EVANGELISTA. Also dances and paints.

TWO FOR THE SHOW

Heart's claim to fame is her versatility

By Mary Ann A. Bautista and Ricky T. Gallardo

HEART Evangelista's forte is singing but she is seen regularly in "Da Pilya and Da Pilot" and "G-mik." She also dances and paints.

She was discovered while she was shopping in Alabang Town Center. She came out in a shampoo and soap commercial before she joined ABS-CBN's Talent Center.

"My Dad's very hard to please, but he appreciates the things I am doing now. I'm responsible now because I am earning—though they still pay for my food, *yaya* and driver . . . My siblings are proud of me because people see me on TV. But nothing has changed at home. They don't give me any special treatment."

People have linked her with John Pratts but they are just friends. "He's my *ka*-loveteam, so people wonder if it's a real romance. I don't know if he's going to court me. What I know is my Dad would 'kill' him," she smiles.

Dingdong Dantes' appeal

We see him daily as Carlos Miguel in the GMA soap "Sana Ay Ikaw Na Nga." His fair skin, breeding and twang make him a *coño* kid but the masses love him. "*Nakakareach out ako sa maraming tao.* Three years *na ako sa* show business *kaya na*-aappreciate *ko na ang trabaho at ang mga* fans. I can study at Ateneo and work at the same time. Achievement *para sa akin ang pagsabayin yun.*"

Hosting "SOP" and being the first male to be featured in "Larawan" are feathers in his cap. He is unfazed that his love team with Antoinette Taus has been put on hold. He seems comfortable with Tanya Garcia. "I can be paired with anyone now. Male version *ako ni* Claudine Barretto, *puwede ako kay* Diether, *puwede din ako kay* Rico Yan *o kay* Carlos Agassi!"

Anna Fegi's album

Anna Fegi is a certified belter. She was well-applauded in "Rent" Singapore, so it's only natural for her to have her own album, "Every Step of the Way" under BMG Records. "Excited *ako*. I've been waiting for this album for two years. *Parang ang sarap ng* feeling *kapag naririnig mong kinakanta ng ibang tao ang kanta mo,*" she breathes.

She performed in California, Hawaii and Utah as part of her school's theater group tour. She has done commercial jingles and corporate shows. She was a member of Smokey Mountain, a pop quartet formed by her mentor, Ryan Cayabyab.

Sari waxes an album

Sari started singing at the age of five and got her first taste of singing competitions when she joined "Tanghalan ng Kampeon" at age 12. While she was on a holiday in Manila in 1993, she won second place in the Denise Williams singing contest on "Lunch Date." Her victory prompted her to join Lea Salonga's "Hiyang" contest in 1995.

After touring major Asian cities as a singer, she has released her maxi single "Bakit" under XAX Music Entertainment.

Larusso takes the Philippines by storm

French singing sensation Larusso has conquered the cities of Cebu, Davao and Manila and she's set to make temperatures rise even higher this weekend. She captivated a sell-out crowd at Ratsky's in Cebu, mesmerized the mall crowds in both Southern cities, and charmed the yuppies at The NBC Tent in Makati. Larusso's Philippine visit is in line with the promotion of her latest self-titled album under EMI Music.

It will be recalled that Larusso rose to popularity a year ago when her song "On nes'aimera plus jamais" stayed at the top of the charts for months.

And even if most of us didn't understand her French lyrics, we sang along and even turned the melody into ringing tones for our mobile phones.

Now, with two million albums sold worldwide, Larusso resurfaces with yet another potential sell-out CD. The self-titled album contains 12 tracks, with the carrier single 'Tous Unis' (Give Me Love) already enjoying good airplay.

Today, La belle Larusso pays a courtesy call on the French Ambassador and his staff at the Alliance Francaise and she'll cap her visit with a show at SM Megamall tomorrow afternoon after doing the TV rounds.

Mia Concio finds time to write

Her responsibilities as chairman of NBN Channel 4 may be formidable, but Mia Concio still finds time to write screenplays.

Concio is the scriptwriter of the current Claudine Barretto-Rico Yan movie "Got2Believe."

"I like to write feel-good scripts where the characters are able to find happiness because they've worked for it," says Concio.

Her last big hit, "Kahit Isang Saglit," established Judy Ann Santos and Piolo Pascual as a bankable love team.

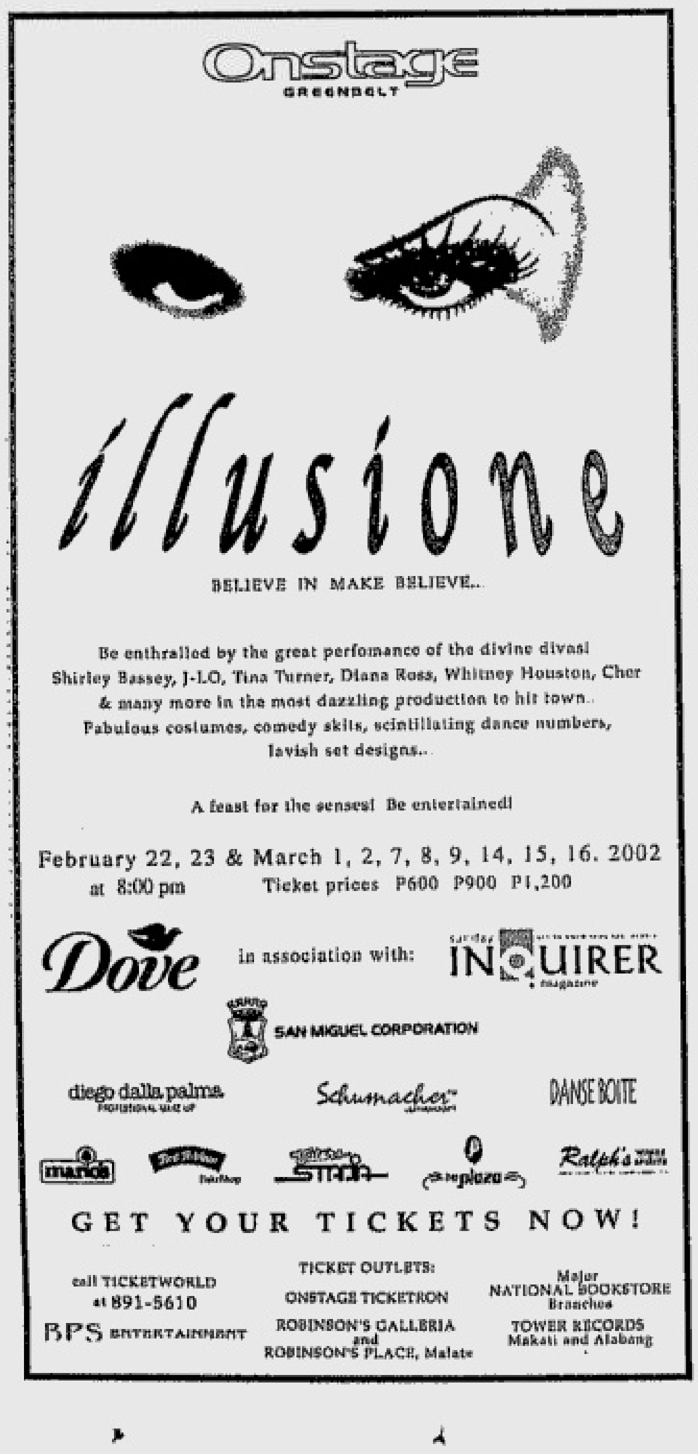
Concio is hopeful that her latest film will allow her to continue her winning streak as a box-office screenwriter.

Happy Birthday, Cocoy

Everything may be quiet with Cocoy Laurel lately, but that just means that he is preparing for something big soon. True enough, when we bumped into Cocoy recently, he told us that he's preparing for a major concert this summer.

That's good news, since it's been quite a while since his last show at the Music Museum. There's also the possibility of Cocoy doing another album with Ryan Cayabyab for the BMG label.

May all your wishes come true, Cocoy. Happy Birthday!



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Life and art combine in Neil Simon's memoir

By Noelani Torre

(Conclusion)

IN his book, "Rewrites," it is while discussing the making of each play that Simon reveals to us the more personal events taking place in his life just then. With his plays as take-off points, Simon offers us glimpses of his childhood that greatly influenced his writing.

Thus the past is reduced to manageable bits which give greater meaning and depth to the present events in his theatrical life.

First push

Simon's first play, "Come Blow Your Horn" and its 23 rewrites not only gave him his first push but also provided him with a title for his memoir as well. The title may have sounded as if it were arbitrarily chosen but it actually reflects his work ethic and explains a great deal about his writing process.

The fact is, he loves to do rewrites, and even welcomes suggestions from his colleagues as to which parts of his scripts need work. As he himself puts it: "With a screenwriter, once they've shot your scene, it's history... the more live performances of my play I see, the more chances I get at improving it.

"It's as if you were in school taking a test, and initially walking away with a grade of 65. But the next day you get to take the exact same test, with the same questions, but now with new answers that you've thought about overnight.

"You're bound to improve into the '70s, '80s, and upwards. Never, however, will you ever get 100. That's saved for Shakespeare. The catch is, you not only must be willing to rewrite, but you must be *able* to rewrite."

This only one of the many "Simonisms," nuggets of theatrical wisdom that pop up all throughout this book, so one gets a little light education, as well as sweetly poignant recollections of Simon's first marriage. Which brings us to the other central character in this memoir, Neil Simon's first wife Joan, who died of cancer in 1973.

Story of a marriage

In a sense, this is not only a theatrical memoir but also the story of a marriage. Joan, who was obviously his first and greatest love, is a tangible force from the very beginning to the end.

We, too, fall in love with her as the author recounts their first meeting and her constant backing of his theatrical efforts. And we are almost equally devastated by her death. But Simon never moons or turns disgustingly mushy about her, which we greatly appreciate.

His passages about Joan are underscored by a subtle intensity that conveys his love for her more effectively than mawkish moanings. He holds her in such respect that we in turn respect *him* even more for realizing her great value and contributions to his theatrical success.

"...Only the hardest heart will get through the final chapter of 'Rewrites' unmoved," said "The New York Times"' reviewer Jeremy Gerard, and we agree. Highly personal and entertaining at the same time, "Rewrites," with its blend of humor and in-depth revelations, touches heart and mind with equal force. If you can read only one memoir this year, make it this one. You won't regret it.

A night of 'Illusione'

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One performer who really knew how to fill the stage was the actor who impersonated Sharon Cuneta. "She" got the Megastar's gestures down pat, her costume was very Sharon, and she could very well pass for a younger version of Cuneta.

Confidence

Although he was not given many juicy parts, stage actor Jake Macapagal stood out because of his confidence in carrying himself and dancing onstage. Too bad, he was not given a chance to sing.

The show paid tribute to another closet queen, Peter Illich Tchaikovsky, the great composer. Believe it or not, they came up with their own production of "Swan Lake." Guess who played Odette, the female lead? None other than *the* Douglas Nierras! It was hilarious! Of course they made fun of it—one "swan" comes out of the forest with an arrow in her neck, obviously shot by the Prince.

All throughout, Douglas is smiling prettily to himself. He *is* Odette, and he takes his role very seriously.

Obviously, Douglas was the only one in that corps de ballet who had any classical training in dance. He was the only one with turned out feet and pointed toes! What amused me was that Douglas used the actual steps used in the serious production of "Swan Lake."

In the Dance of the Cygnettes, wherein four dancers dance with their hands interlocked, the choreography was the real thing, but it was their facial expressions and the way they executed the steps that made them funny. In addition, there were some guys in the corps who had really muscular biceps. They looked hilarious in tutus!

There is still much to improve but Bahaghari must be applauded for daring to put on such a unique kind of show. If there is one thing they were successful at, it was in giving the illusion that these performers are all physically female. The audience tends to forget that these performers strutting around in sexy two-piece outfits are biologically male.

The illusion was shattered when, during the curtain call, the performers took off their wigs. In the end, it was very obvious that everyone had fun—and that's what is important!

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Cheloy Dans and friends mount 'Guhit' group exhibit in Baguio

By Nestor U. Torre

FROM March 24 to April 10, Baguio City residents and tourists have a special art activity to patronize at the Baguio Country Club. This is the "Guhit" group art exhibit showcasing the beautiful paintings of Araceli "Cheloy" Limcaco Dans, Lucy Vergara Fernando, Aladin Antiqueño, Angelo Baldemor, Joven Ignacio, Felipe Mayoya, Azor Pascoguin and Tito Sanchez (sculpture).

Surprise

There are group shows and group shows, but it's a very pleasant surprise to learn that this one is truly unique, because it features the works of artists who are all either friends or proteges of Cheloy Dans'.

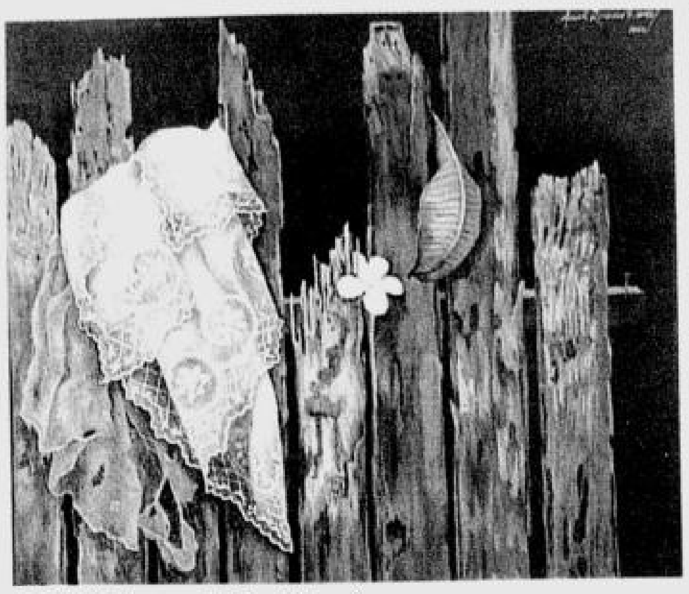
They come from diverse backgrounds, but what they have in common is the fact that they regularly paint together, sometimes in Cheloy's vacation home in Baguio. In fact, it was while they were busily and boisterously painting together there that they were seen by people from the Baguio Country Club, and the inspired brainstorm came to invite Cheloy's group to mount the "Guhit" group exhibit at the country club.

The artists paintings and sculptural pieces (by Sanchez) speak eloquently for themselves, but the group members' personal and artistic interrelationships deserve a closer view:

Signature paintings

Cheloy Dans is a veteran artist acclaimed for her signature *calado* paintings and portraits. She's also been an art teacher for decades and has helped many young talents come into their own as visual artists. Now that she's retired from teaching, she still goes out of her way to help promising artists, some of whom are included in the "Guhit" exhibit.

Take Felipe Mayoya. Cheloy first met him in 1985, when he started to work as her gardener in Baguio. Cheloy saw that he had inborn artistic talent, gave him pointers so he could improve his work, and facilitated his first solo art exhibit.


DANS' "Bakuran ni Aling Titang."

Through the years, Mayoya has become known for his endearingly folksy paintings, which now command a good fee. The artist could now go on his own, but he has chosen to continue to work as Cheloy's gardener.

Azor Pazcoguin is another protege who first worked with Cheloy in another capacity—as her physical therapist when she had a major operation on her spine some years ago. He came from a family of "Mabini" artists but wanted to veer away from that commercial route, so he asked Cheloy to teach and advise him.

Eager student

Azor proved to be such an eager student that he quickly developed his unique style and became known for his use of sunlight in his paintings. Soon, he was doing so well as an artist that he gave up physical therapy and is now a full-time painter.

Joven Ignacio is an architect and teaches architecture at the University of the Philippines. He was Cheloy's student at the Ateneo de Manila. Many years later, he sought her out and told her that he wanted to go seriously into painting.

Cheloy saw his innate gift in his exquisite watercolors of birds, and gave him tips in composition, proportion, color, etc. Today, Joven's works are highly-prized by collectors.

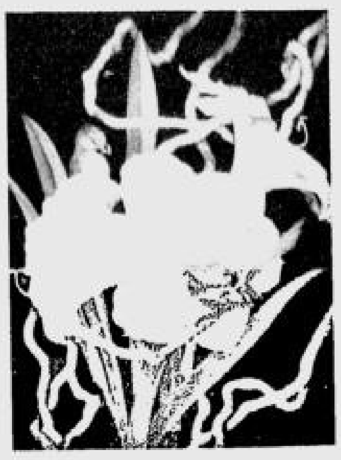
Some years ago , Cheloy facilitated a joint exhibit of Joven's paintings and Tito Sanchez's sculptures. Cheloy has known Tito for 25 years, since he was a Fine Arts student at UP. He was a scholar but lacked funds for other expenses, so some faculty members and alumni, including National Artist Napoleon Abueva and Cheloy, helped him out.

Grand prize

Gratifyingly, Tito graduated magna cum laude and twice won the grand prize for sculpture in the annual competition of the Art Association of the Philippines. His most recent commission is the new Gomburza bronze statue that was unveiled two weeks ago at the UP Catholic Chapel.

Another UP Fine Arts graduate is Lucy Vergara Fernando, who completed her studies one year after Cheloy. She has been an art teacher, has done many portraits, and is now acclaimed for her pastel paintings of flowers which are characterized by lyricism and visual poetry.

Cheloy values her artistic and personal friendship with Lucy, whose last exhibit was "A Tribute to Amorsolo" at the UP College of Fine Arts Gallery.


IGNACIO'S "Lucia Di Lammermoor."

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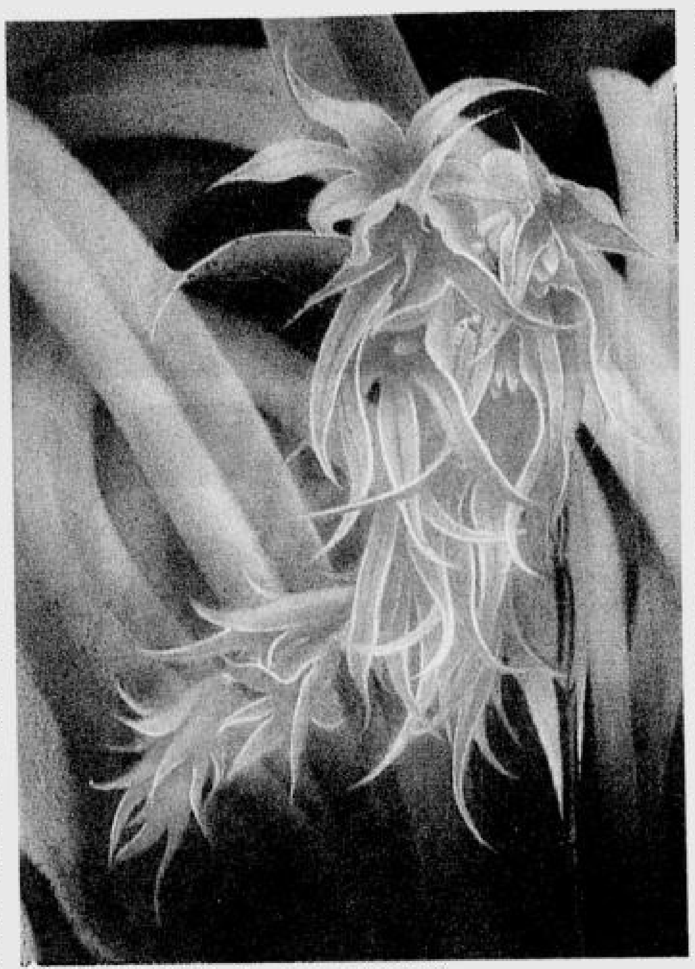
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Aladin Antiqueño is the son of a master carpenter who studied painting at Philippine Women's University. Known for his renditions of children, he won first place in the 25th Shell National Student Art Competition. In 2000, he had his first solo exhibit at the British Information Center.

Finally, Angelo Valdemor lives in Paete, Laguna, and has won many awards. Since Cheloy frequents her farm in Paete, she has long been exposed to Angelo's art, a rare combination of painting and bas relief or sculpture.

In fact she has collected 10 of his pieces through the years, and she helps him by occasionally bringing art writers and collectors to view his works in Paete.

Inspired renderings

As for Cheloy Dans, she is one of the country's most esteemed women artists, whose meticulous and inspired renderings of *calado* mixed with diverse elements like fruits, leaves, flowers, baskets and shells, are much sought-after by collectors, both individual and institutional.

Her close bonds with the "Guhit" artists, be they friends or proteges (or both), makes their major group exhibit at Baguio Country Club later this month an especially cohesive and affecting art experience.

If you're in Baguio from March 24 to April 10, do make it a point to view the "Guhit" exhibit, which seeks to raise funds for AKAP (Alay sa Kapatid International Foundation). Call Malou Geliste or Roselle Gunchai at 074-4425060 to 68, or e-mail baguiocountryclub@philwebinc.com.

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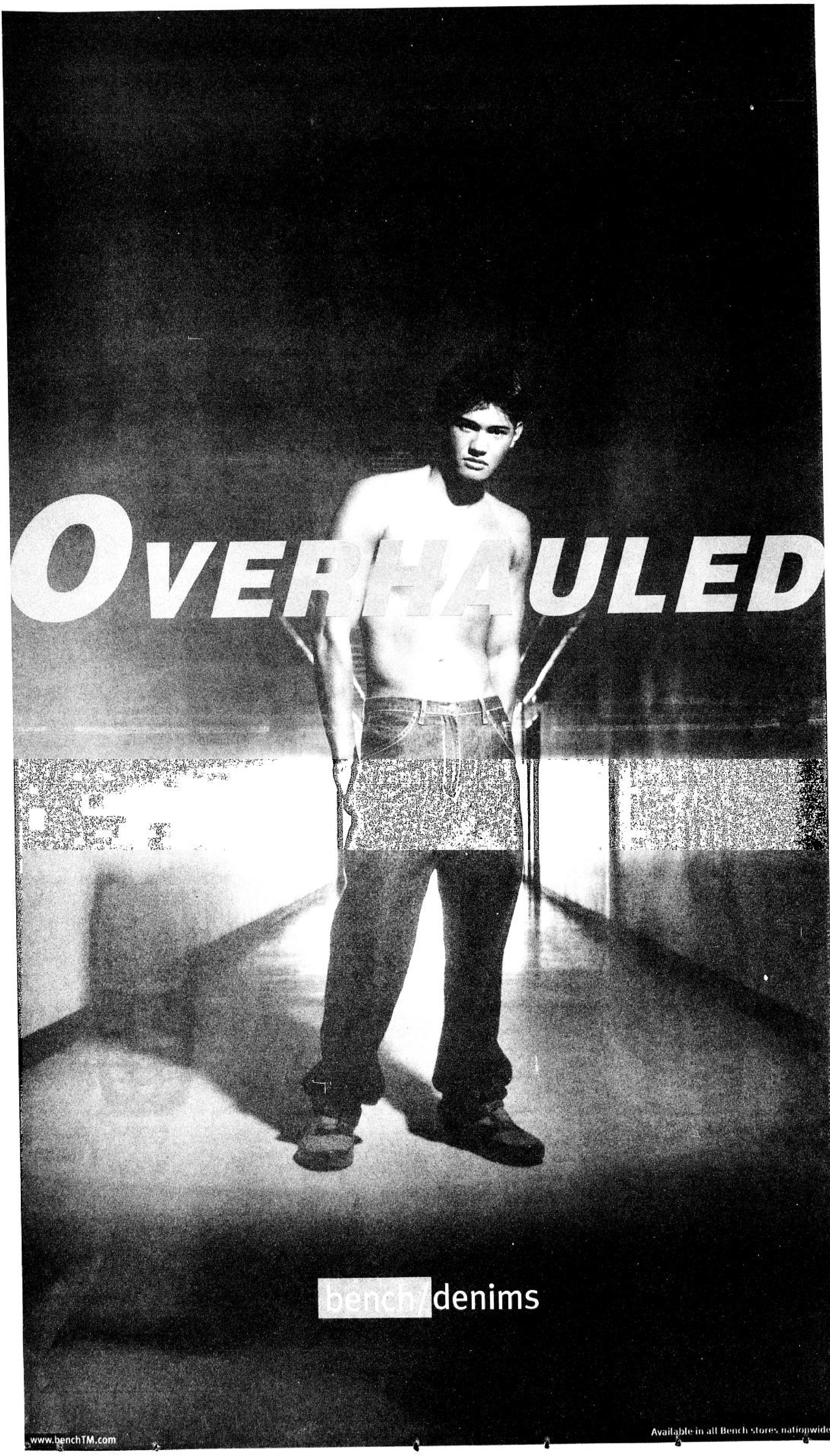
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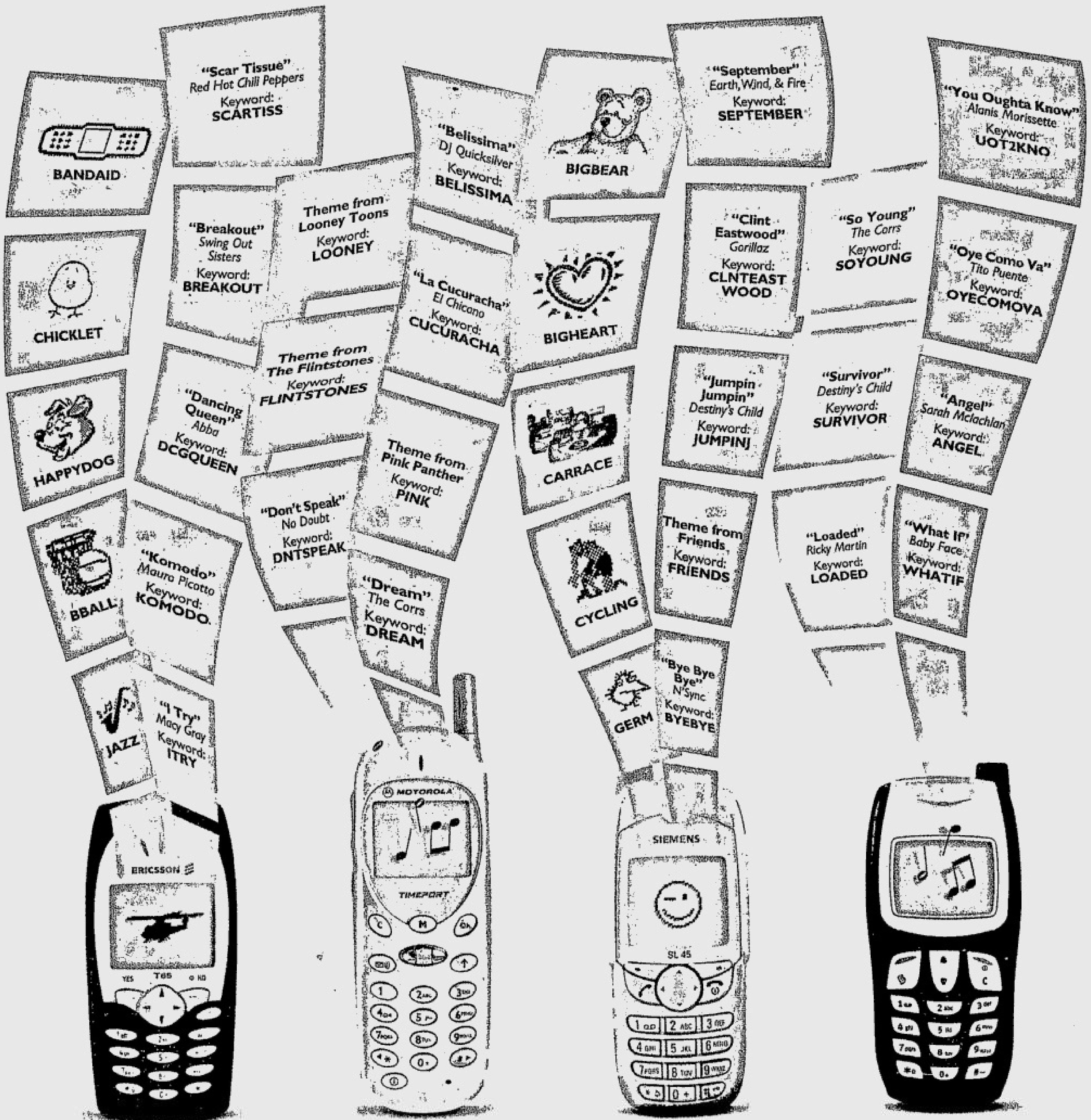
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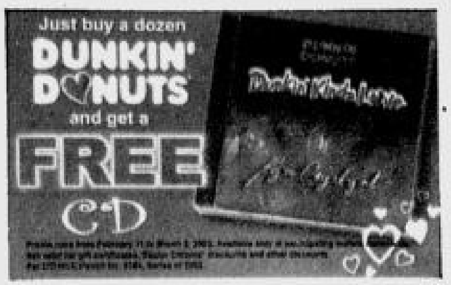
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A grand time with Michel Legrand

By Edmund L. Sicam

(Conclusion)

"LES Parapluies de Cherbourg" (Umbrellas of Cherbourg) is considered one of Legrand's best works as a composer, written when he was still a struggling artist in Paris. It was the first movie musical where everything was sung by the actors, led by Catherine Deneuve.

Sung dialogue

Today, with Broadway musicals like "Miss Saigon," "Les Miserables," and "Evita" (which was also filmed), everyone accepts sung dialogue on stage as well as on the big screen. But "Cherbourg" was shot in 1964 and it was considered a revolutionary idea then.

Legrand recalls the hard time he and lyricist/director Jacques Demy went through to get the movie made. "For an entire year, Jacques and I approached every possible producer. We would sing the songs and each time, we would get the same response: 'Are you crazy? Do you think people will sit in a darkened theater to watch someone sing, 'Wait a minute, give me the salt?' We were rejected every single time."

After a year, they were ready to give up. They were in a restaurant when they a got a call from Pierre Lazareff, a newspaper executive. Earlier, they had written Lazareff about the musical, asking for his help in finding a producer. Now, he was on the phone, telling Legrand, "I want you in my office at 3:30 p.m. tomorrow."

Lazareff was a man of a few words. Once Legrand and Demy got to his office, he told them, "I didn't understand exactly what you want to do. It's very nice. One of my friends wants to be a film producer. She wants to produce your movie. I'll pay for it. Goodbye."

Funding

And in less than a minute, Legrand had funding for his movie—and, as they say, the rest is history. "Cherbourg" became one of the most successful musicals in French cinema and was nominated for Best Original Score, Best Musical Scoring and Best Song in the 1965 Oscars. ("Cherbourg's" producer, Mag Bodard, went on to become one of France's most important film producers.) Legrand was on his way to becoming one of the more successful musical scorers in Hollywood. His musical scores for "The Thomas Crown Affair" and "Yentl" won the Oscar. "The Summer Knows" from "Summer of '42" won the Oscar for Best Song and was Grammy's Song of the Year.

It's not well known that Legrand has also directed two movies. "When I was a student at the Conservatory," recounts the composer, "I wanted to embrace every discipline related to my craft. I wanted to do everything. I wanted to compose classical, jazz, play the piano, sing. I liked life so much, I wanted to try everything."

So he did a movie called "Five Days in June." When the Allied forces made their decisive landing in Normandy, France, on June 6, 1944, Legrand was a student at the conservatory. He was supposed to take an exam and had just won his first piano prize. That afternoon he planned to go back to Normandy, where his grandma and sister were.

Bicycle trip

The Germans, however, had stopped all public transport so Legrand and his mom had to bike all the way to Normandy. It took them five days. The movie was about their adventure.

Fifteen years later, he wanted to retrace the route he and his mother took but he was always busy. His mother died before they could go on the pilgrimage. The film was made as a tribute to his mother.

His second movie was more of a thriller. He had wanted to get an actor who could run all night long and couldn't get someone athletic enough to do it. There were athletes but they couldn't act. So he flew to London to ask ballet dancer Rudolf Nureyev to do the part and Nureyev immediately agreed.

Unfortunately, the two movies haven't done great business so they haven't made it to Hollywood. One Hollywood movie, "Best Friends" didn't do too well at the box office, but Legrand's song from the movie, "How Do You Keep the Music Playing," became a hit.

While we were interviewing Legrand, Regine Velasquez showed up. We found out that she was doing an album with the composer as well as a concert tour in Asia. We asked Regine what her favorite Legrand song was and she replied, "'No Matter What Happens' from the movie 'Yentl.'" Later, Legrand and Regine graciously agreed to perform for the lucky people in the suite.

LEGRAND WITH KUH LEDESMA. The famous composer is impressed with Filipino singers.

Favorites

The next day, we were present at Legrand's performance at the PICC and were enthralled at his many compositions that have become our favorites, tunes like "What Are You Doing the Rest of Your Life," "The Windmills of Your Mind" and "Summer of '42"

He even impressed us with his singing, which he did from the heart. Legrand doesn't have a particularly powerful voice but he won us over with his honesty and passion. We did get a bit distracted when he continued to conduct the orchestra with his free hand while the other hand held the microphone, but we got used to it after a while.

It was his artistry as a pianist that impressed us the most. He was particularly effective in his jazzy interpretations of his musical compositions.

We look forward to his return to the Philippines when he records his album with Regine.

Flawless Rosanna Roces is happy and fulfilled

By Jocelyn Valle

IT WAS impossible to see what was going on at the formal opening of Forever Flawless two weeks ago.. A huge crowd gathered at the beauty center's entrance and the uniformed men securing the area kept reminding onlookers not to push each other.

Stars

The onlookers wanted to see the stars present, and they didn't leave till they got a glimpse of the owner of Forever Flawless, Rosanna Roces.

We wonder, though, if those curious faces could translate into revenue. Forever Flawless' manager Timi Banzon replies with a big yes. In fact, she adds, they've been netting an average of 100 customers daily.

Of course, their clients expect to look flawless like Rosanna. "But medical treatments don't guarantee instant results," Timi points out. "*Depende 'yan sa* reaction *ng* skin *ng* patient."

Rosanna can't be at Forever Flawless all the time, either. "But most of the time, I'm there," says the star.

ROCES. Physical beauty isn't enough.

Staffers

Her staffers, either graduates of nursing or physical therapy, are well trained by Vicky Belo. Rosanna makes it clear, though, that Forever Flawless is not a coventure with the aesthetics doctor.

Dr. Belo is the center's consultant, says Timi. And even if Rosanna is not a doctor, Forever Flawless has two competent dermatologists. You are assured of professional supervision and safety despite the cheaper rates.

Since she was teenager, Rosanna had always been fussy with her skin, trying different local, thus more affordable, beauty products. "*Gumagamit ako ng* CY Gabriel soap *kasi 'yun ang ina*-advertise *sa* show *ni* Kuya Germs," she recalls, laughing.

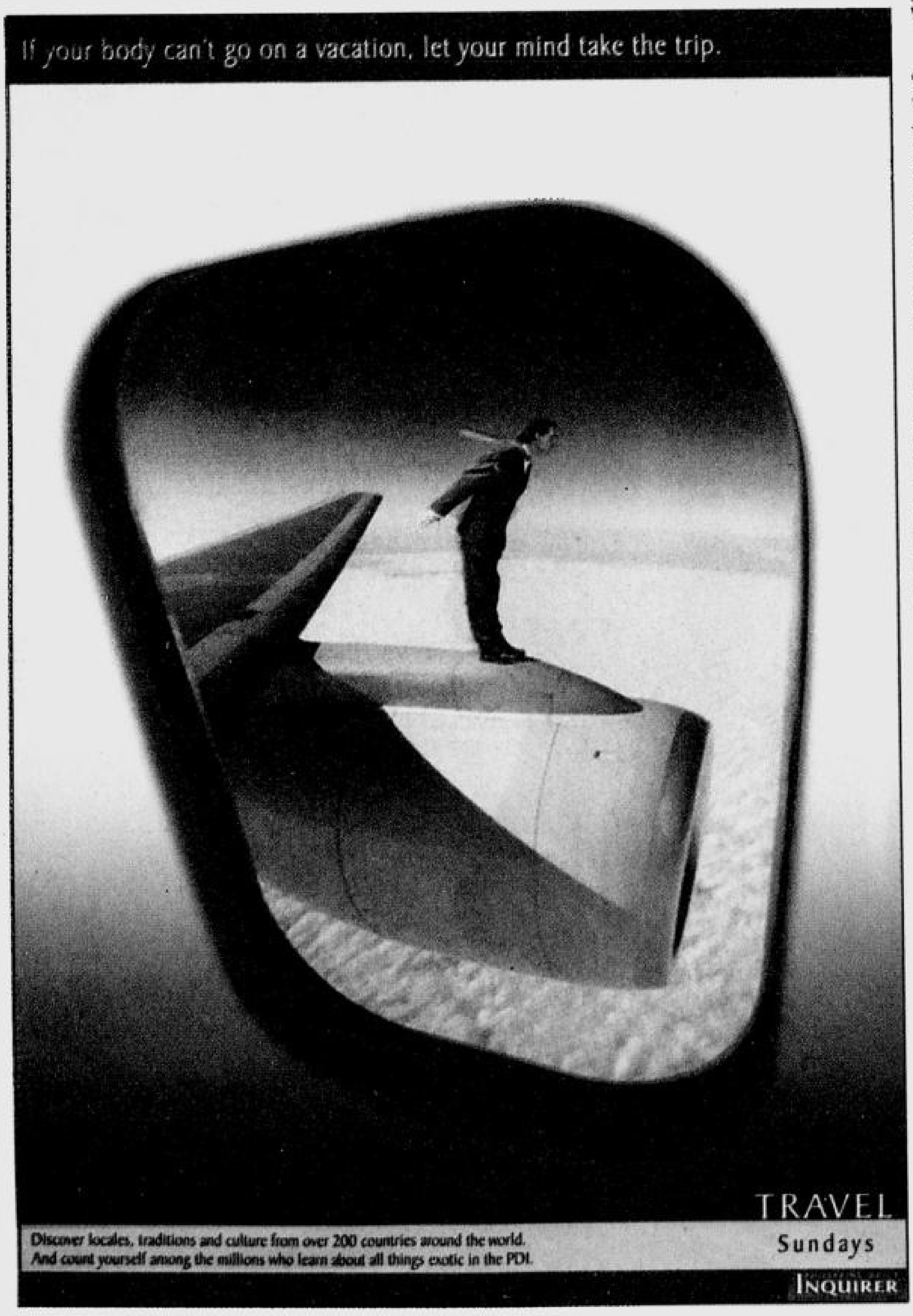
'Vanity' fund

When she started earning her own money, she would set aside a few pesos for her "vanity" fund. She has also learned how to rid her face of whiteheads and blackheads. Through the years, Rosanna has learned what works for her skin.

For instance, she doesn't use imported brands even if she has western features and skin tone.."Because they're not made for our kind of climate," she explains.

Rosanna also finds the use of moisturizer a must to have good skin. Ditto for staying away from the sun. "I really take care of my skin," she avers.

"But physical beauty is not enough," she emphasizes. "We should also have a happy disposition." After all the storms that she's weathered, Rosanna is one happy and fulfilled woman!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Discover locales, traditions and culture from over 200 countries around the world.
And count yourself among the millions who learn about all things exotic in the PDI.

WONDERFUL guests made our recent birthday bash truly special.

Shared birthday blessings with Gina de Venecia

STREET SMART

Mandy Navasero

ON the day of hearts, your columnist celebrated her birthday in the presence of close friends at the Pravda Bar (formerly Beluga Bar). Friends came in "harlot red," as requested, starting with Nieves Campa-Alvarez, Nie-Nie Barretto-Buenaflor, her sister Tina Barretto-Peterson, Caroline Collins-Katigbak, and Margie Katigbak.

"Friends forever" since college also came: Gloria Dominguez-Garcia, Edna Bulseco-Baxter, and Myrna Medina-Magdaluyo and friend, Sally Wells of Health and Beyond.

Photography students

My photography students were there—Nena Ortoll, Gigi Tee Ten, Len Len Lopez, Peggy Ty, and Joanna Arong.

Jojo Zabarte, Monica Feria, Rory Arnaez, Karen Villanueva, Atty. Mimi Gumaru, my fellow AFFAP (Association of Former Flight Attendants of the Philippine Airlines) members Cristy Altura, Greta Lauron, Chari La'O Bagatsing and Linda Lorenzo—they were all there!

My baby brother, Paparazzi manufacturer Ding Navasero with Zonito Tordesillas and retired PNP Gen. Ike Cuadra, came, and Ding raffled away three red Paparazzi vests, which were won by Rosebud, Tina Peterson and Caroline Katigbak.

Special guests

Our special guests for the day were former Ilocos Sur governor, Luis "Chavit" Singson and Rachel, Mary Ong *aka* Rosebud, who gave away delicious *tikoy* rolls, and feisty founder of Inquirer Eugenia D. Apostol—they all made the day more special. JCO serenaded us with love songs during the party.

Surprise of surprises was Mrs. Gina de Venecia, who dropped by to greet me with a hug and warm birthday wishes. Gina herself recently celebrated her birthday two days in a row, starting with an asalto during the early evening of Feb. 14 and the really big event on Feb. 15 at the De Venecias' Dasmariñas Village home.

The luncheon was a fiesta attended by family and business and political friends. President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo was in flaming red, a carryover of the Valentine spirit, and so was Gina, in a beautiful Paul Cabral creation. Former President Cory Aquino came late, in trademark yellow. Vice President Teofisto Guingona arrived conveniently late, after President Arroyo had departed. Senate President Frank Drilon and charming wife, Mila, were also present.

GINA DE VENECIA. Fabulous birthday girl, too!

Appearance

Favorite Man of the Hour, Chavit Singson, also made an appearance, as did Rep. Imee Marcos, San Isidro Mayor Sonia Lorenzo, with her chums Daisy Payumo, Rep. Lorna Silverio and the young Rep. Antonino and socialite Baby Arenas. Sen. Ralph Recto, former CB governor Singson, Marita Goco, plus media hens Ethel Timbol, Rina David, Joanna Ramirez, DeeDee Siytangco, Ellen Tordesillas and Belinda Cunanan and hubby.

Mrs. Gina de V. said, "I feel extremely blessed for everything I have. I am specially grateful for having Joe and my beautiful children in my life." Well said, Ms Gina. I, too, feel extremely blessed!

'Illusione' clicks with tony crowd at Onstage Greenbelt

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

LAST Saturday, we caught a performance of "Illusione" at Onstage Greenbelt and appreciated the creative, entertaining way that the show was able to achieve its objective: to take the gay impersonation revue out of the usual small, dark clubs to a big theater, with glittering and sophisticated production values.

Well-conceptualized numbers, gorgeous costumes, groovy dances, comedic interludes and on-target impersonations raised the format to a higher level, and the tony audience's enthusiastic response indicated that the enhanced entertainment type has a good future in these parts.

To us, the outstanding impersonator was James Cooper, who was able not just to look like Carol Channing and Diana Ross, but to make these wildly-contrasting stars vividly come alive at Onstage.

He should be asked to conduct an impersonation workshop to teach younger wannabe's how

ILLUSIONE/ p.D3

PRODUCER Margie Moran-Floirendo (center) with some of "Illusione's" drop-dead divas.

Joaquin Phoenix comes into his own

SHOW BIZ Q & A

Rito P. Asilo

A YEAR after impressing critics and fans alike for his incredible body of work, Joaquin Phoenix continues to shine in current and upcoming features on the big screen. Young celebrities, whether actors and sports heroes like Marat Safin, not only inspire people who are awed by their achievements, but also entertain them with their antics, on camera or off.

Write us: Philippine Daily Inquirer, Saturday Special section, Show Biz Q&A, Chino Roces Ave. (formerly Pasong Tamo) corner Yague and Mascardo sts., Makati City.

This week's Q and A:

"I recently saw 'Gladiator' on VCD and was fascinated with the performance of Joaquin Phoenix. Is he American or European? How was he discovered, and what other films has he appeared in? Is he in any way related to the late River Phoenix?"—*Maribel Yu, Cementina St., Pasay City.*

Joaquin Raphael Phoenix, 27, is American but was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico to former Children of God (remember the cult group?) missionary parents. Yes, he is the brother of the late great River Phoenix (who copped Oscar and Golden Globe Best Supporting Actor nominations for his searing portrayal in 1988's "Running on Empty," and won numerous awards from the National Board of Review, National Society of Film Critics, the Independent Spirit Awards, the Young Artist Awards and the prestigious Venice Film Festival for his performances in "Empty," "Stand By Me," "The Mosquito Coast" and Gus Van Sant's "My Own Private Idaho" (remember this movie that sparked rumors about him and Keanu Reeves?).

Other siblings

His other siblings are actresses Rain ("To Die For"), Summer ("The Faculty") and Liberty. He has appeared in "Space Camp," "Parenthood," "Walking the Dog," "To Die For," "Inventing the Abbotts," "U Turn," "Return to Paradise," "Clay Pigeons," "8 mm," "The Yards," "Quills" and "Gladiator."

He will be seen next in "Buffalo Soldiers" (with Ed Harris), in Robert Altman's "Voltage" (with former girlfriend Liv Tyler) and in M. Night Shyamalan's (of "The Sixth Sense") "Signs" (with Mel Gibson).

Like his brother, Joaquin finally got his Oscar nomination last year for his scene-stealing performance as the sadistic and paranoid Emperor Commodus in Ridley Scott's Russell Crowe-starrer, "Gladiator," where he was adjudged Best Supporting Actor by the National Board of Review. As if that wasn't enough, he won as Best Supporting Actor at the Broadcast Film Critics awards night for both "Quills" and "The Yards." Most of these movies have been shown here in the Philippines.

Interview

"Gladiator" director Ridley Scott, in an interview with Entertainment Weekly, recalls how absolutely horrified Joaquin was when he first met him for casting.

"He said, 'You want me to do a toga-and-sandal movie?! You've got to be out of your f——ng mind!' He actually suggested we test him first, which was smart, because he needed to find out if he could do it, too. How many actors would give a director the chance to show that they're wrong for the part?"

Focus on Marat Safin

"I'd like to know more about Marat Safin, 2002 Australian Open runner-up. He looks great, but he seems to have a bit of a temper. I'd love to see a picture of him in your column."—*Tina of Mandaluyong.*

The young Russian tennis champion (he is 22), turned professional in 1997 and won his first title on the ATP tour in August 1999 when he beat Greg Ruzedski in a Boston Final.

Currently No. 2 (trailing Thomas Johansson) on the ATP Champions race, the 6'4", 195-lb looker used to live in Moscow, Russia and in Valencia, Spain, but now resides in Monte Carlo, Monaco. He was born Marat Mikhailovich Safin on Jan. 27, 1980.

As a tennis player, his strengths are his backhand, groundstrokes and his speed. His weaknesses: his volleys *and* he *always* comes to the net to try to intimidate his opponents. Clay is his favorite surface, grass is his worst. He has 10 singles titles tucked under his belt, with a total career prize money of $6,965,915. His sister, Dinara, is a promising teen-age tennis player.

Computer

He plays football and ice hockey and likes fiddling with his computer. He listens to Enigma and Metallica. He loves sipping a Russian soup called Borscht (a beet root).

PHOENIX and Crowe in "Gladiator."

His girlfriend, Silvia, must not have appreciated it when, a couple of years ago, Madonna included Marat in her Top 10 list of men whom she would like to father her next baby.

He and glamour gal Anna Kournikova have been friends since they were kids because they used to belong to the same tennis club.

The downside to all this promise is his temper. Tennis legend John McEnroe may have found his heir in Marat, in talent and temperament. In 1999 alone, barely two years after debuting on the professional circuit, he broke 48 tennis rackets on court. Ouch!

'Illusione' . . .

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to capture not just the style, but also the heart and soul of the divas they seek to impersonate.

Ryan Cayabyab, The Music Studio

Have you thought about what your children should do this summer? Ryan Caybayab, The Music Studio offers Music and Movement for children ages 3-7 years old. The course introduces the children to various elements of music through movement, listening, and singing. Classes for this course begin on April 3.

The Music Studio also announces its new course called Ensemble Singing for Children. This is open to children ages 8-13 years old. The course promotes ear training, good vocal production, repertoire literacy, and the enjoyment to sing together with other children.

Auditions for this course are on April 1 and 2 from 2-5 in the afternoon. Candidates are requested to bring their pieces or minus-one tapes. Classes for Ensemble Singing begin on April 4.

Ryan Cayabyab The Music Studio also offers Vocal Performance Workshop for youths 14 years old and above; and individual voice and piano lessons. For further information, please call Gladys of Ryan Cayabyab The Music Studio at 843-2874, 844-3330 or visit The Music Studio at T-1B Sunvar Plaza, Pasay Road corner Amorsolo st., Makati City.

Last weekend for Lumbera's epic zarzuela

RAMON Magsaysay laureate Bienvenido Lumbera's epic zarzuela, "Hibik at Himagsik ni Victoria Laktaw," is on its last weekend at the Wilfrido Ma. Guerrero Theater, Palma Hall, UP Diliman.

Staged by Dulaang UP, the play revolves around a little known group of Filipinas struggling against oppression during the Philippine-American War. With original songs composed by Lucien Letaba, the zarzuela won the 1998 Centennial Literary Prize. Call 926-1349, 920-5301 loc. 6441, or 924-3224 (telefax).

Local affiliate honored

Trans Continental Records USA CEO and legendary starmaker Lou Pearlman recently presented a symbolic gold record award to his company's affiliate in the Philippines, Trans Continental Records Manila Inc., as a sign of gratitude for their help in promoting the new boy band sensation, Natural, in the country.

The award was received by Trans Continental Manila president Antonio M. Garcia and directors Alexandra Garcia, Tom Hynes and David DeCamillis during the dinner party held in honor of Mr. Pearlman and Natural at the Manila Polo Club.

Trans Con Manila recently staged the successful Manila tour of the boy group, which saw them performing at the metro's leading malls, the Assumption College Fair and Streetlife.

Natural is behind the hit single, "Put Your Arms Around Me," which has been certified gold in the United States with more than 800,000 copies sold.

'A Senior Citizen Speaks'

March 2 marks the launch of a new weekly radio program, "A Senior Citizen Speaks" at 1 to 2 p.m. on dwSS 1494, station manager Manny Luzon has announced.

"A Senior Citizen Speaks" is created and produced by Fuentes Media Operations and is hosted by Ramon Alfonso A. Fuentes, a veteran broadcast professional and consulting economist, in cooperation with dwSS 1494.

Consisting of four distinct segments, ("Concerns," "Advocacies," "Consumer Watch" and "Interaction") its fundamental doctrine is: "A person forfeits his right to criticize unless he has what he honestly believes is a better alternative."

The inaugural edition will explain what "A Senior Citizen Speaks" is all about; why it came to be, and what special informational, instructional and inspirational features listeners can expect on the program.

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Livelihood Program

A LIVELIHOOD PROGRAM of ARIEL with Senator LOREN LEGARDA

Tutulungan ka ng Ariel na magkaroon ng sariling hanapbuhay. Ikuwento mo ang iyong pangarap, maglakip ng 6 na Ariel sachets at maging isa sa mga kababaihang pagkakalooban ng Ariel at ni Sen. Loren Legarda ng sariling tindahan. Dahil hangad ng Ariel ang pag-asenso ng Pilipina.

Mechanics:

1. Ariel will be giving women the opportunity to have their own sari-sari stores. Ariel's support will include the physical structure of the store, signage and initial inventory of products worth ₱20,000.
2. With every purchase of Ariel, there is a corresponding contribution to a livelihood fund that gives sari-sari stores to women. A minimum of 80 stores will be given away. The more contribution to the fund, the more stores will be put up.
3. To participate in the promo, simply fill out the application form below. You must fill-out all information completely, including where you intend to put up the store and answer the essay question. You have the option to write the essay on a separate paper if more space is required. Attach 6 empty Ariel sachets or 1 empty Ariel bag, place in an envelope and drop in dropboxes in major supermarkets and public markets nationwide or mail to: 515 Katarungan St., Mandaluyong City.
4. Applications will be accepted from January 15, 2002 to May 15, 2002.
5. Every month, Ariel will be screening applicants based on the following criteria:
    - Female, ages 21-40
    - At least high school graduate
    - Should have space to put sari-sari store

   Names of applicants who pass the initial screening will be raffled off. 60 finalists will be picked and will be interviewed by an Ariel panel. Finalists will be notified of interview schedule and other requirements via telegram. Applicants who pass the interview will be raffled off to select 20 winners. Winners will be notified via telegram.
6. A minimum of twenty (20) winners will be awarded each month from February 2002 to May 2002 and will be notified via telegraph. Final awarding of stores is subject to ocular inspection to confirm feasibility of putting up the store.
7. Raffle draws will be held in the Procter & Gamble office, 18th flr. 6750 Ayala Ave., Makati, in the presence of a DTI representative on the following dates:
    February 22, 2002
    March 22, 2002
    April 26, 2002
    May 24, 2002
8. Prior to construction of the sari-sari store, winner should present notification telegram, identification and sign a Memorandum of Agreement for the ownership, maintenance and upkeep of the store for at least 12 months.
9. Employees of Procter & Gamble, Ace Saatchi and Saatchi, and Promo Dimensions, Inc. up to the 2nd degree of consanguinity and affinity are disqualified from joining this program.

A. INFORMATION

COMPLETE NAME (PANGALAN)

ADDRESS (TIRAHAN)

PHOTO

CIVIL STATUS ☐ SINGLE ☐ MARRIED ☐ SEPARATED ☐ WIDOWED

DATE OF BIRTH

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND ☐ Grade School ☐ High School ☐ College ☐ Vocational

OCCUPATION (TRABAHO)

HUSBAND'S OCCUPATION (TRABAHO NG ASAWA)

COMBINED MONTHLY INCOME (PINAGSAMANG KITA KADA BUWAN) ☐ BELOW 4,000 ☐ 4,001 - 8,000 ☐ 8,001 - 12,000 ☐ ABOVE 12,000

WHERE DO YOU INTEND TO PUT UP THE SARI-SARI STORE? (SAAN NINYO BALAK IPATAYO ANG SARI-SARI STORE?)

B. QUESTION

WHAT IS YOUR DREAM IN LIFE? HOW CAN ARIEL HELP ACHIEVE YOUR DREAM?
(ANO ANG PANGARAP NINYO? PAANO MAKAKATULONG ANG ARIEL PARA MAABOT NINYO ANG INYONG MGA PANGARAP?)

* Ang application form ay pwede i-xerox at ihulog sa dropbox.

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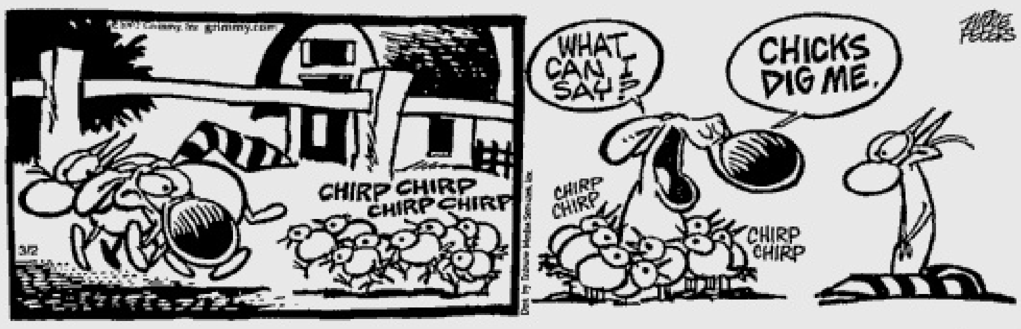
BY MIKE PETERS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WHAT CAN I SAY?
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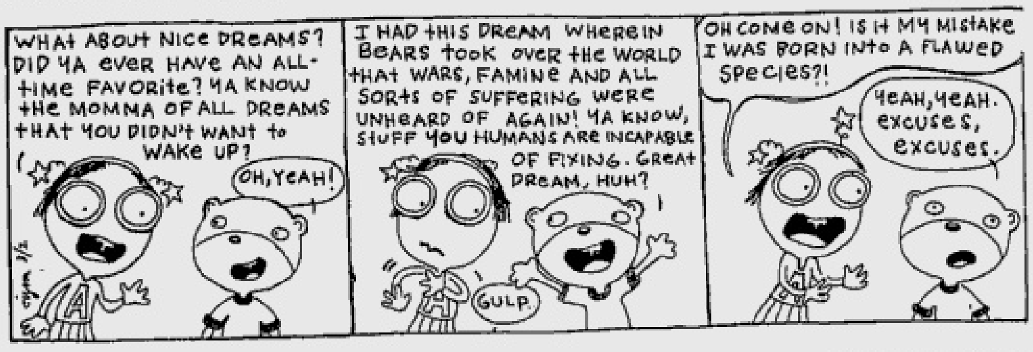
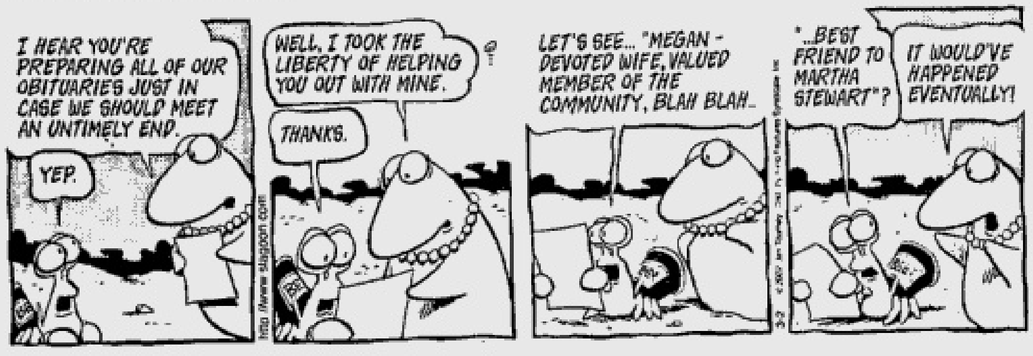
ATOMO AND WEBOY

BY LYRA GARCELLANO


WHAT ABOUT NICE DREAMS? DID YA EVER HAVE AN ALL-TIME FAVORITE? YA KNOW THE MOMMA OF ALL DREAMS THAT YOU DIDN'T WANT TO WAKE UP?
OH, YEAH!
I HAD THIS DREAM WHEREIN BEARS TOOK OVER THE WORLD THAT WARS, FAMINE AND ALL SORTS OF SUFFERING WERE UNHEARD OF AGAIN! YA KNOW, STUFF YOU HUMANS ARE INCAPABLE OF FIXING. GREAT DREAM, HUH?
GULP
OH COME ON! IS IT MY MISTAKE I WAS BORN INTO A FLAWED SPECIES?!
YEAH, YEAH. EXCUSES, EXCUSES.

SHERMAN'S LAGOON

BY JIM TOOMEY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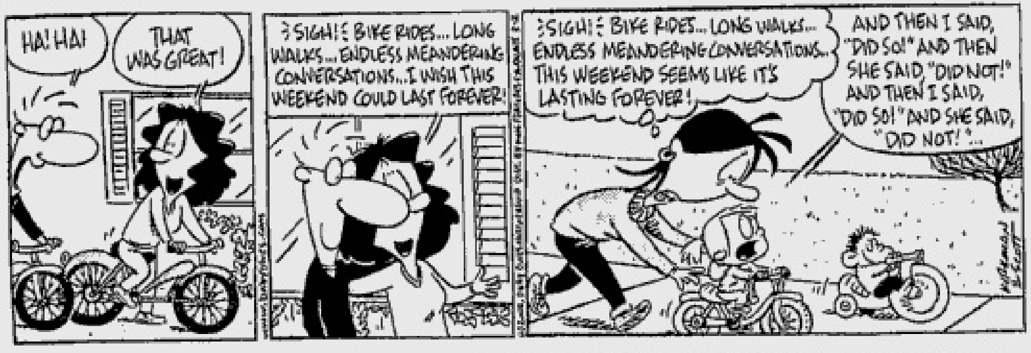
YEP.
WELL, I TOOK THE LIBERTY OF HELPING YOU OUT WITH MINE.
THANKS.
LET'S SEE... "MEGAN - DEVOTED WIFE, VALUED MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY, BLAH BLAH...
"...BEST FRIEND TO MARTHA STEWART"?
IT WOULD'VE HAPPENED EVENTUALLY!

BABY BLUES

BY JERRY SCOTT


HA! HA!
THAT WAS GREAT!
SIGH! BIKE RIDES... LONG WALKS... ENDLESS MEANDERING CONVERSATIONS... I WISH THIS WEEKEND COULD LAST FOREVER!
SIGH! BIKE RIDES... LONG WALKS... ENDLESS MEANDERING CONVERSATIONS... THIS WEEKEND SEEMS LIKE IT'S LASTING FOREVER!
AND THEN I SAID, "DID SO!" AND THEN SHE SAID, "DID NOT!" AND THEN I SAID, "DID SO!" AND SHE SAID, "DID NOT!"...

HOROSCOPE

BY EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Jon Bon Jovi, Laraine Newman, Dr. Seuss

Happy Birthday: You have an instinctive knowledge about future trends. Invest in art objects or in items that have the potential to grow in value. Business trips will be necessary. Follow your feelings when faced with important decisions. Secret investigation may be necessary. Your numbers are 10, 13, 20, 25, 39, 44

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't be afraid of change at a personal level. Open your eyes and see your situation for what it is. You can make it much better for yourself if you follow your heart.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Offer your help to someone who may be having some trouble grasping the way to do things. Your kind actions will result in a long lasting friendship.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You have so many unusual ways of looking at anything you get involved in that it won't take long for you to drum up some interest in what you want to do.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Have you ever felt like everyone in your life is against you? Today is another one of those days, so snap out of it. Focus on your home, family and yourself .

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You've got the energy and the fortitude to make things happen. All sorts of new and exciting partnerships can develop if you schmooze and entertain.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): If you haven't been happy in your current position this may be the perfect time to check out all your options and find out what course to follow in order to fulfill your dreams.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You had better plan an eventful day if you don't want to find yourself getting all worked up over nothing. You will be in the mood to further one of your creative projects that you left unfinished.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You must not let a great deal pass you by. It may be the weekend but when it comes to potential investments there is no time like the present to follow through.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): This is a great day to take your old relationship to the next level or to look for a new romance if you aren't in a relationship already. You should be able to grab the interest and affection of anyone who interests you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): If you are too pushy you stand to lose everything you've been working so hard to gain. Be the quiet observer for now and you will discover the secret to turning your past failures into future successes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your mind is moving a mile a minute and you need to involve yourself in something that will get you on the move. Travel and learning about different traditions and cultures will spark great ideas in you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You should take a little time out to help a senior member of your family. The time you spend will make a big difference to him or her and it should help lift your spirits and raise your self-esteem.

Birthday Baby: You are charming in the way you express yourself. You are very friendly and you are always willing to help others. You love to travel and to be wherever the excitement and adventure lead you.

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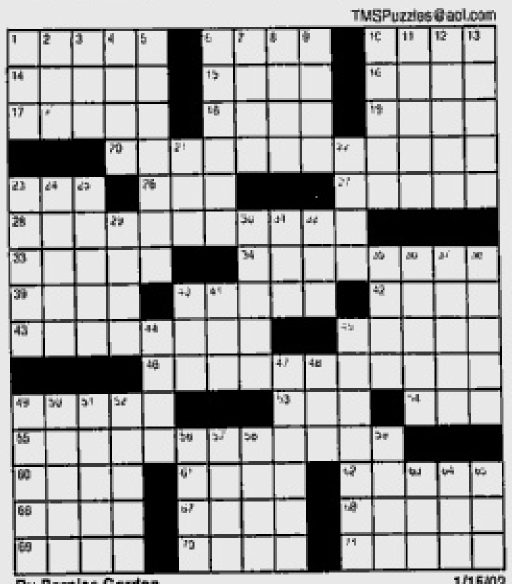

By Bernice Gordon
Philadelphia, PA

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ACROSS
1 Brought to heel
6 Russian saint
10 Stalk
14 Venture a thought
15 __ around the block
16 __ a one (none)
17 Sioux group
18 Talk wildly
19 Skip over
20 Hit the jackpot
23 CIA forerunner
26 An honest man?
27 Book of maps
28 Share 50-50
33 Gravy
34 Speeches
39 Concerning
40 "Ninotchka" filmmaker Lubitsch
42 Mishmash dish
43 Coffee choice
45 St. __ of Assisi
46 Be lenient
49 Zodiac ram
53 Contend
54 Function
55 Street urchins
60 Indian nursemaid
61 Sir __ Guinness
62 Data display
66 Ralph Lauren's company
67 Marsh hen
68 Once more
69 Aphrodite's boy
70 Yearnings
71 Disliked intensely

DOWN
1 Kiddy
2 Bonzo or Clyde
3 Sch. near Harvard
4 Slaughter of baseball
5 Having teeth
6 Conan or Pat
7 Breach of secrecy
8 Hereditary unit
9 Opposed to
10 Contemptuous sound
11 Sri Lanka language
12 Writer Jong
13 Legends
21 Baseball stat
22 William Howard or Robert
23 English designer Clark
24 Crosses
25 Drink noisily
29 Champagne bucket
30 Pay tribute to
31 __ gratia artis
32 Long. counterpart
35 __ Royale, MI
36 Hokkaido port
37 Peter and Franco
38 Sorenstam or Edberg, e.g.
40 Psychic power
41 S. Hemisphere nation
44 In __ (in actual being)
45 Fastest land animal
47 Puts out on the street
48 Useful hint
49 Wide open
50 Hearsay
51 Novelist Calvino
52 Character of a culture
56 Risque
57 Gin flavoring
58 Inert gas
59 Epic tale
63 Nocturnal flyer
64 Fabrication
65 Conclusion

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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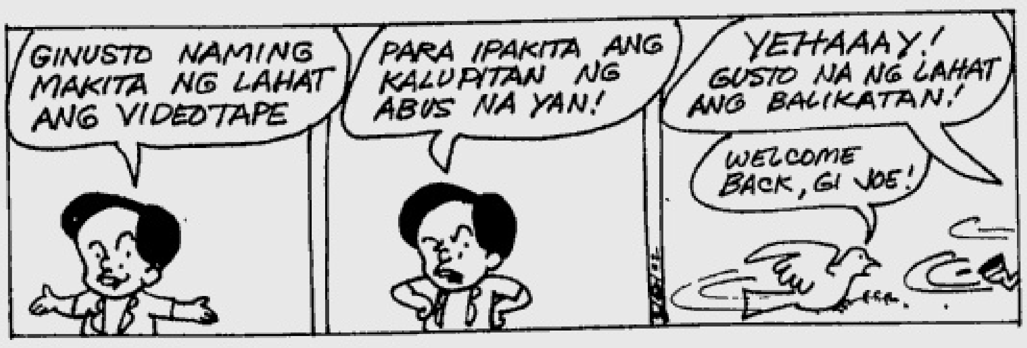
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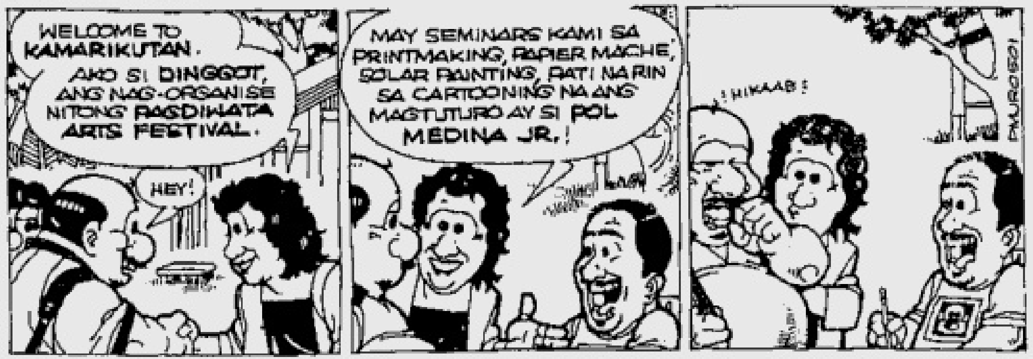
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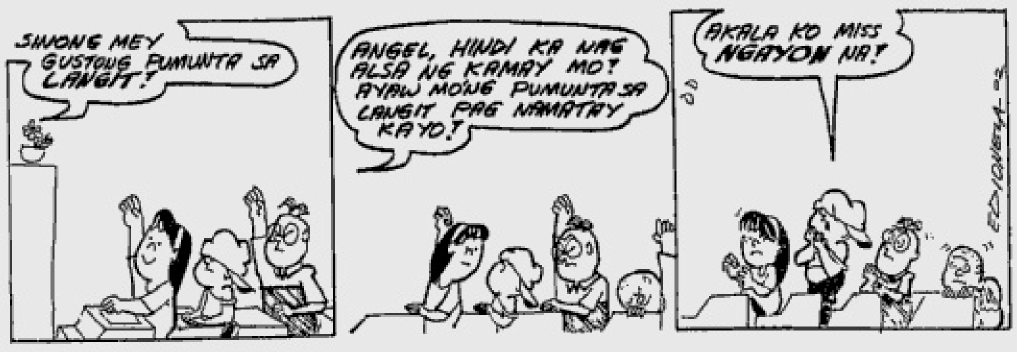
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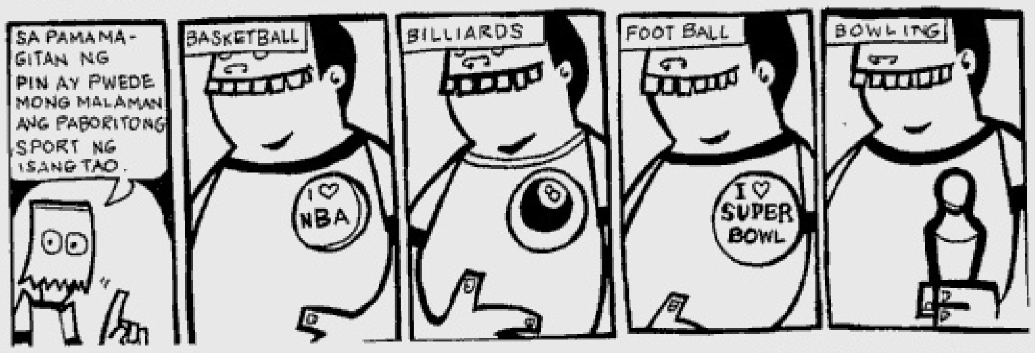
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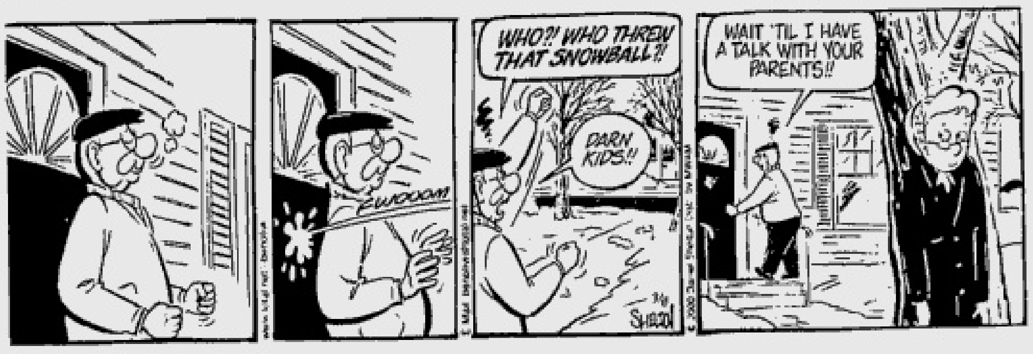
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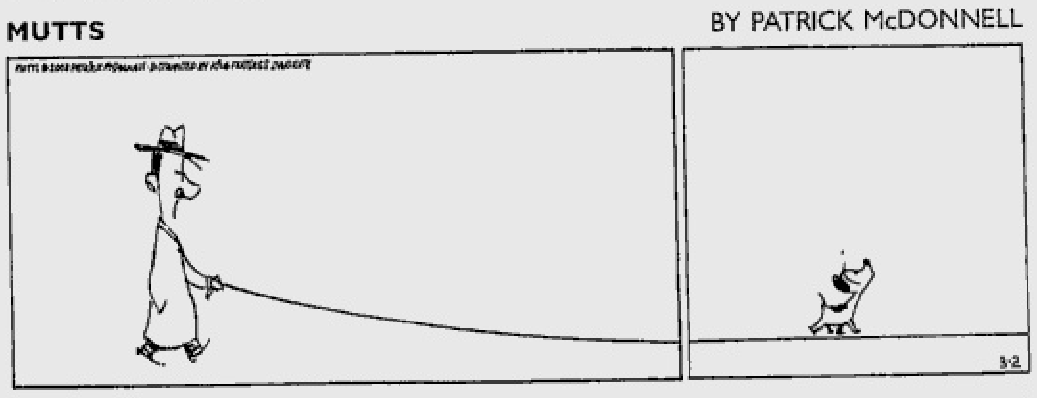

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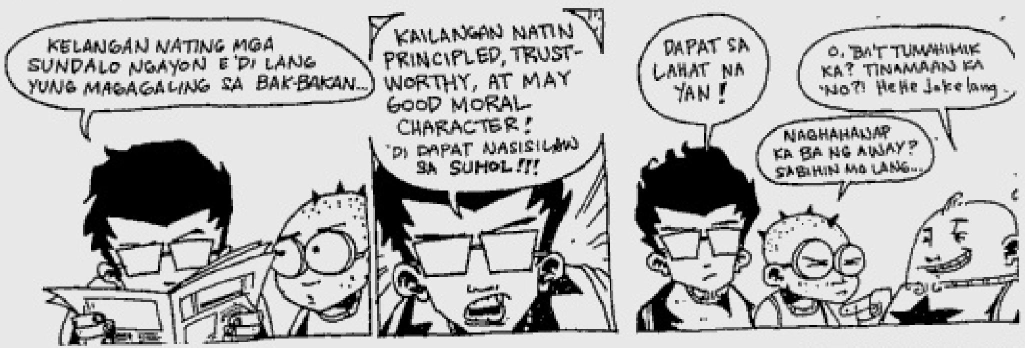
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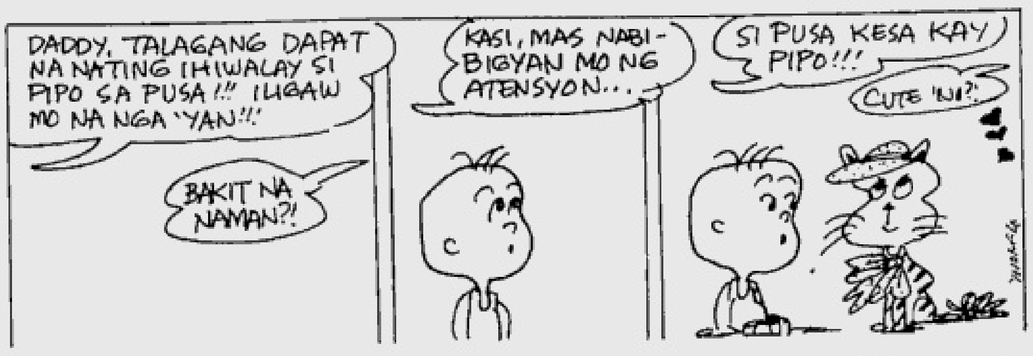
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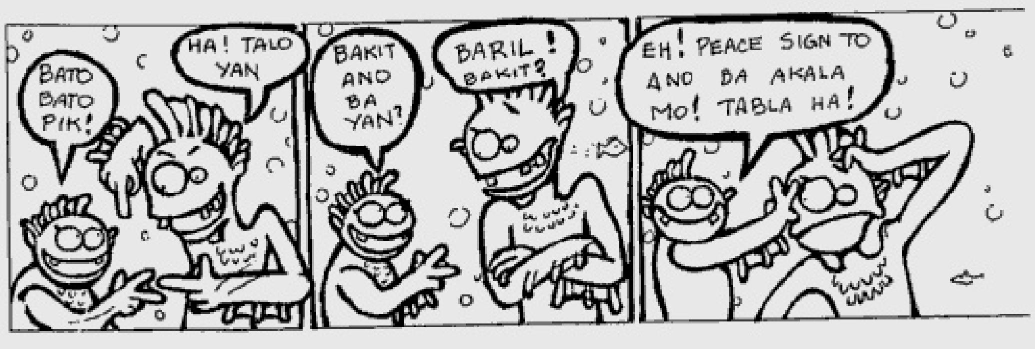
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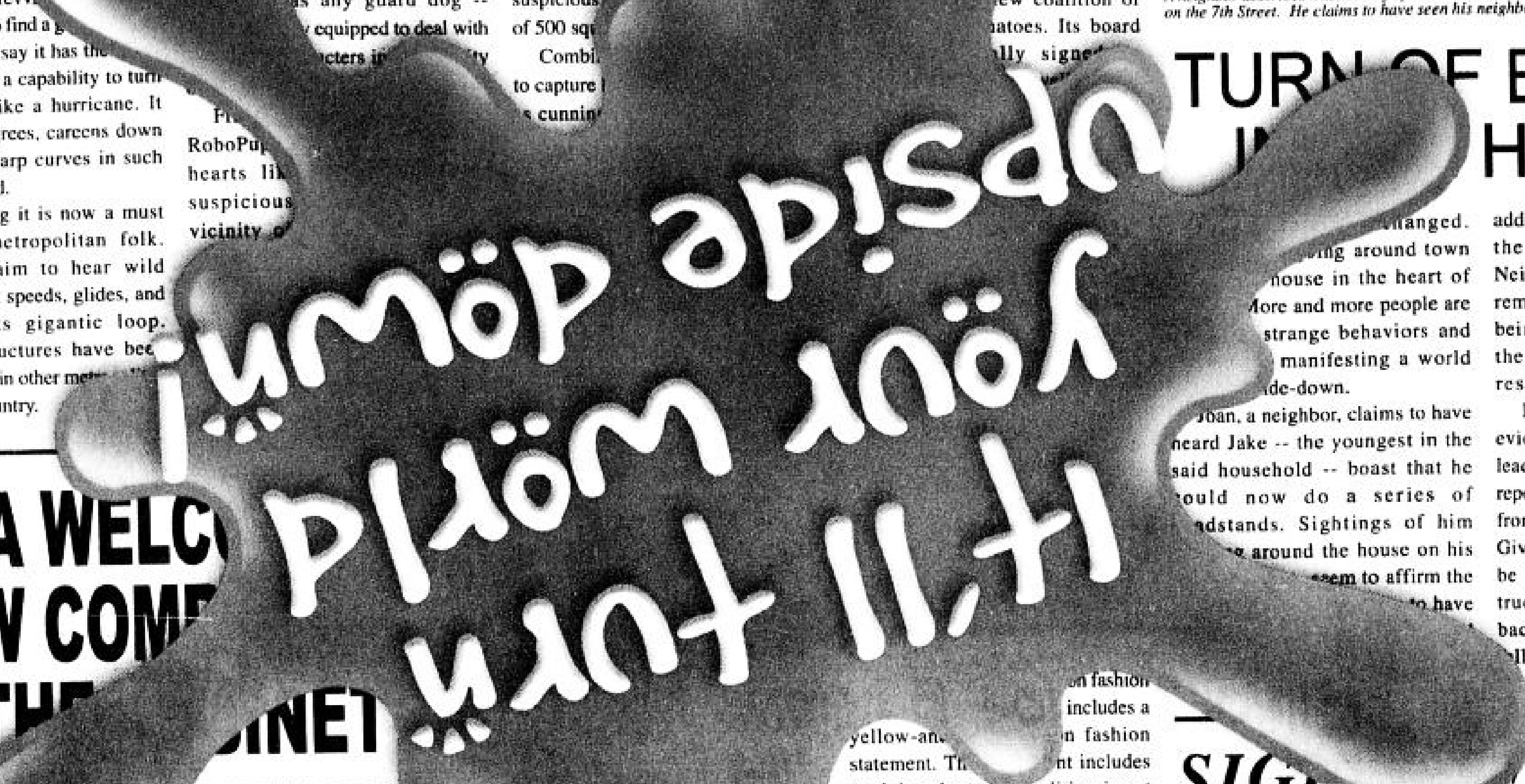
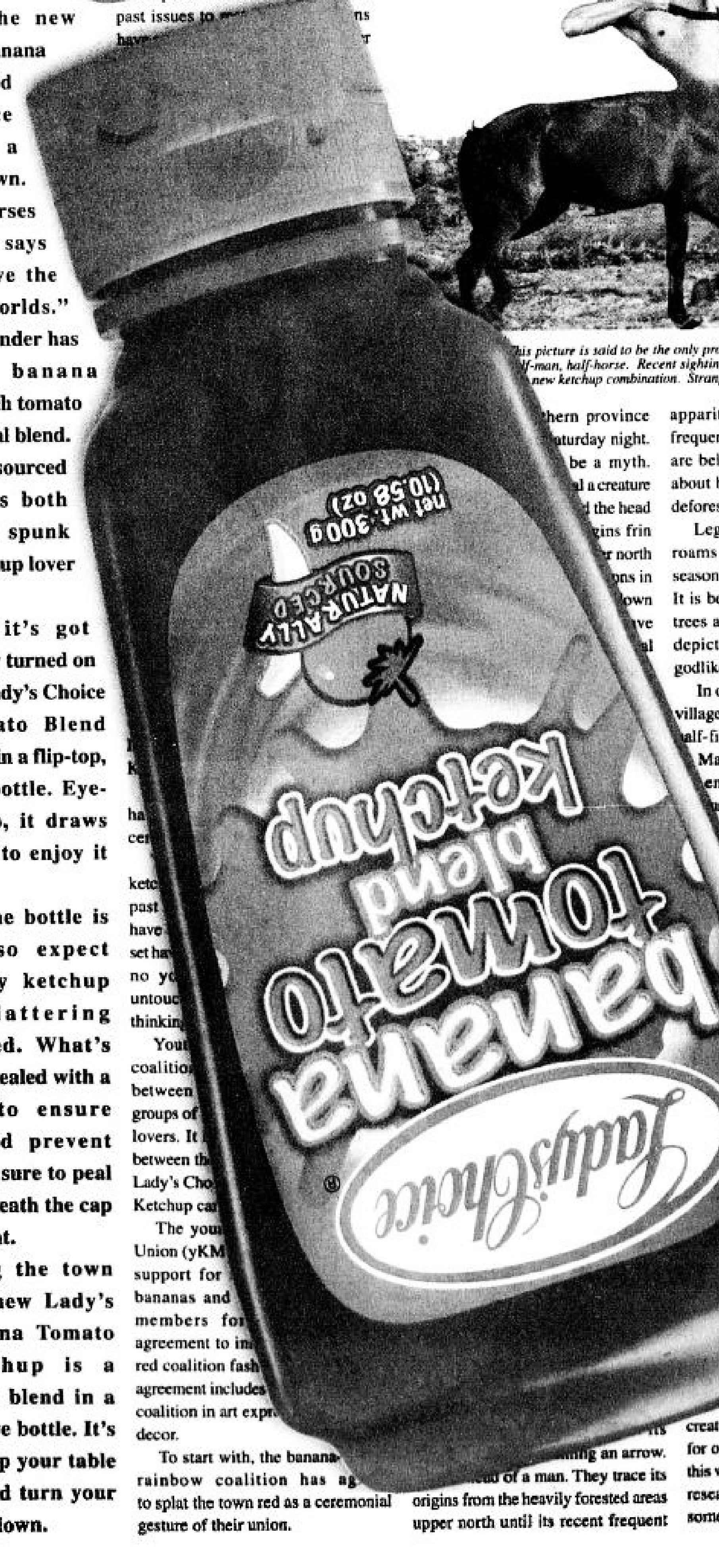
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Splattering the town nationwide, new Lady's Choice Banana Tomato Blend Ketchup is a breakthrough blend in a cool, innovative bottle. It's sure to perk up your table experience and turn your world upside down.

Remarkable turnaround for the cit

Resident of th night to a motor revv were surprised to find a g ride! Witnesses say it has th of a bullet and a capability to turn upside-down like a hurricane. It rotates 360 degrees, careens down the track of sharp curves in such whirlwind speed.

Experiencing it is now a must among the metropolitan folk. Witnesses claim to hear wild splattering as it speeds, glides, and swoops in its gigantic loop.

Similar structures have bee reported to rise in other met cities in the country.

HALF-PET, HALF MACHINE

Unveiled in the Science Museum today is RoboPup -- a lovable pet that's half-dog, half-machine. Dr. Zee, a noted veterinarian famous for reconstructing fractured and damaged mal body parts introduced his latest boPup can be the cute, playful family would love to have. de, he can be as cunning as any guard dog -- equipped to deal with cters i

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A neighbor describes what sort of upside-down behaviours are being introduced in the house on the 7th Street. He claims to have seen his neighbors wear their clothes inside-out.

TURN F EVENTS HOUSE

anged. ing around town house in the heart of ore and more people are strange behaviors and manifesting a world de-down.

Joan, a neighbor, claims to have heard Jake -- the youngest in the said household -- boast that he ould now do a series of ndstands. Sightings of him around the house on his em to affirm the have

address has also been brought to the attention of authorities. Neighbors say the house is being remodelled. Furniture pieces are being reconstructed to stand on their heads; the house, being restructured bottomside-up.

Investigators are looking into evidences that might give them a lead on such behaviors. Neighbors report seeing splatters of a ketchup from a radical upside-down bottle. Given the above claims, it may not be long before we start seeing trucks speed down the highway backwards. Or probably things lling upwards.

GMA WELC NEW COM IN TH INET

A gentlemen airs his gratitude with such conviction for the rising incidence of ketchup rave over this new banana tomato blend ketchup combination. He claims it has turned his world upside down.

Greater Manila Area (GMA) residents and the whole nation welcome a new, exciting combination that's finding it's way into the home. It's a combination nobody has ever tasted before. Sweet banana goodness and rich tomato zest come together in new Lady's Choice Banana Tomato Blend Ketchup.

Since its introduction, a rising incidence of hoarding has been observed. A siege of grocery stores takes place everyday. Mothers and kids rush into stores and back into their houses filling up their cupboards with this radical blend.

Elena, mother of two, admits to being one of them. She says her kids, aged 10 and 12, just can't get enough of the hip blend. It's such a hit in her household that her grocery cabinet welcomes this ketchup sensation with open arms.

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Soon, posters will be screaming yellow-and-red. A new ideology will se. New and better coalitions ed as inspired by this new ment. Hundreds have signified pport. Red and yellow ribbons es and such armbands express th's new position. ks will be held and a new chup constitution written to put all past issues to ns

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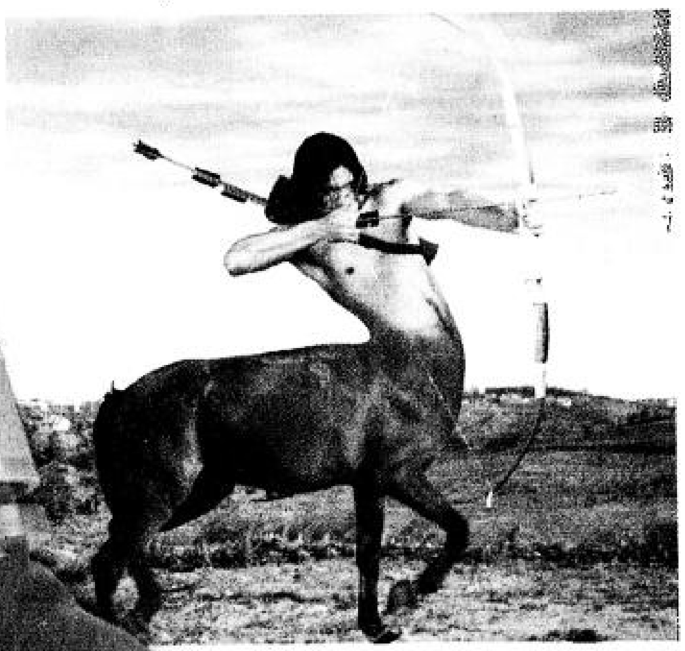

is picture is said to be the only proof of sightings of a creature that's f-man, half-horse. Recent sightings coincide with the introduction new ketchup combination. Strange days. And more stories to come.

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apparitions in town. His sudden frequent visits down the mountains are believed to have been brought about by recent illegal logging and deforestation.

Legend has it that the creature roams the forests during hunting season, luring hunters off their trail. It is believed to be the protector of trees and forest wildlife. Literature depicts it rearing, majectic in its godlike demeanor, aiming an arrow.

In other regions, people in fishing villages claim sightings of a creature alf-fish, half-human.

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MS. WARI TURNS ANEW

A certain Ms. Wari has turned anew. Now, she and her family are switching to a radical lifestyle which means doing away with their old ketchup.

On the lookout for an adventure, her younger brothers Miggy and Tim - 12 and 11 -- came across this upside-down banana tomato blend ketchup. Since then, she says, the Wari boys were never the same again. They would flip and tumble around the garden, make the dog roll over and over, turn petty arguments this way and that way before coming to an agreement, and see things from a different perspective. If anything, she has noticed her brothers turn more spirited and smart.

Today, Ms. Wari vows to be like her brothers. She has managed to turn away from her old boring days with her old ketchup. She vows to be more adventurous, full of life, turn things upside-down and enjoy life like never before.

COMMUNITY CONVENTION 2002

Ms. Wari signs a petition at the Barangay Hall to adapt this youthful perspective in life made possible by her younger brothers' exciting new behavior. she vows to support such movement.

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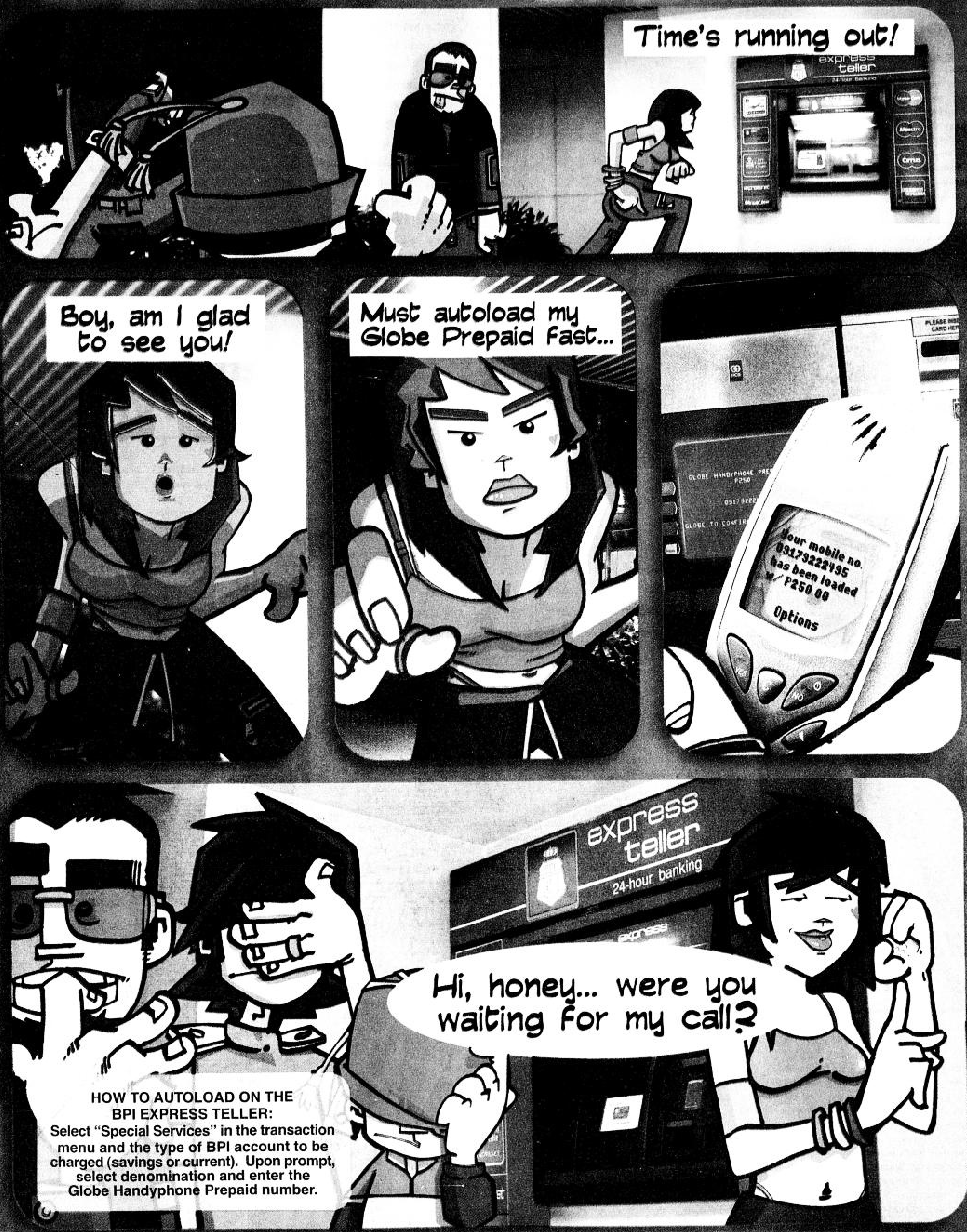
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Eerie screen resurrection for Aaliyah

By Craig Reid

LOS ANGELES—R&B singer Aaliyah, tragically killed in a plane crash last August, gets an eerie screen resurrection this week in a vampire movie that features the young actress in a poignant death scene.

Cult figure

Aaliyah, 22, had just completed filming "Queen of the Damned" when her plane crashed in the Bahamas, transforming the rising star into a cult figure in death and putting Hollywood in a spin over how, or even if, to promote the movie.

After months of speculation about whether the film would go straight to video, "Queen of the Damned" opened in theaters last Friday with a little help from Aaliyah's brother, and lot of buzz from fans.

Based on the third book in Anne Rice's "Vampire Chronicles," "Queen of the Damned" features Aaliyah in a role that poses a striking contrast to her "sweet but street" image.

In the movie, helped by a posthumous remix of some lines by her brother Rashad, Aaliyah slinks around in bronze body paint, baring fangs as the vile and vicious 6,000-year-old Egyptian vampire, Queen Akasha, who is bent on ruling the Earth.

Last scene

In her last scene, she is made up as a stone statue whose body, with the help of special effects, crumbles into dust.

Director Michael Rymer sees the movie as neither a homage to Aaliyah, nor the kind of exploitation of her cult status after death that some fans have complained of.

"My main concern is to be respectful and loving to her family and fans who are so devoted and also upset by the events," Rymer told Reuters.

"It upsets me to watch her interviews or videos. But as Akasha, she's so far removed from who she really was, I can watch the film.

"My reaction upon hearing about her passing away was shock and thoughts for her family because you've never met such a close family and it's a big hole in their lives," Rymer said.

Producer Jorge Saralegui noted that Aaliyah's family had been supportive and positive, saying that the film showed her legacy exactly as they wanted.

"In terms of film promotion, I haven't had any concerns,"

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AALIYAH as the vile and vicious 6,000-year-old Egyptian vampire, Queen Akasha.

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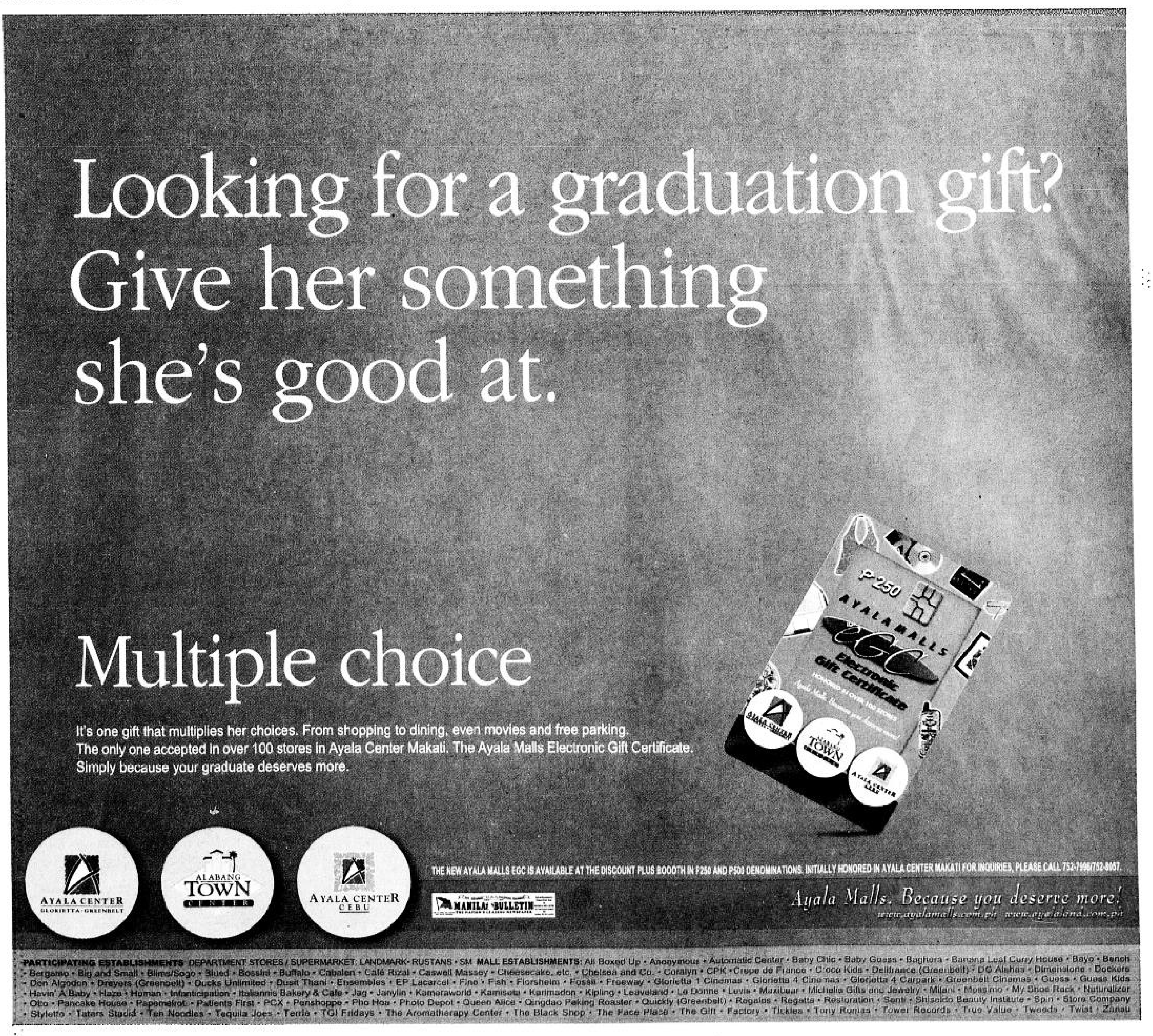

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SWITCHING CHANNELS

Eric Quizon joins 'Sana Ay Ikaw na Nga' cast

By Edmund L. Sicam

GMA is beefing up the cast of its soap "Sana'y Ikaw Na Nga" with the introduction of Gilbert Zalameda, the doctor who will give the real Cecilia a chance to be beautiful again. Eric Quizon, who was a scheming lawyer in ABS-CBN's cancelled series, "Your Honor," moves over to GMA as Cecilia's savior. Originally, he was meant to play a geodetic engineer but that idea was dropped. How many viewers know what a geodetic engineer does, anyway?

Eric's mom will be played by veteran actress Tita Muñoz, who was last seen in "Madrasta" six years ago. She plays the wealthy Doña Amparo Zalameda, who finances Cecilia's operation. Other new stars joining the cast headed by Dingdong Dantes, Tanya Garcia, Angelu de Leon and Bobby Andrews are Marita Zobel and Dexter Doria.

To announce the new cast members, GMA held a presscon last Wednesday. It was attended by Eric, Tita, Dexter, Chinggoy Alonzo and Tirso Cruz III. Most of the younger entertainment writers know Tita as the aunt of Leandro and Carlos Muñoz, children of Tita's younger brother. We asked Tita what made her decide to resume her show biz career. She replied, head pointed upwards, "I asked Him."

She was still scheduled to tape her first scene the next day (Thursday) so she could not talk about her role. She was more worried about the availability of costumes for her part since she didn't have enough dresses.

The conversation naturally turned to her early years in show business. Tita said she did everything in reverse. She got married, divorced, worked in show biz then went to college, finishing an AB History degree at the Lyceum of the Philippines. Tita started out on radio months after she got back from the US, hosting a homemaker's show on dzBB, something she only did for a month. Then she was off to dzPI doing basically the same thing.

However, she was preparing himself for television. When Bolinao Broadcasting opened up at the Republic Supermarket, she joined the pioneer network doing all kinds of work, hosting, production and other odds and ends.

Later, she got into Sampaguita Pictures and landed roles that called for a classy *contravida.* She also got into theater when she got bored with her show biz career. It was a friend, Rolf Bayer, who encouraged her to make the shift.

We then spoke to another theater veteran, Chinggoy Alonzo, who's always being cast as a father on TV and in the movies. He has played both good guys and bad guys and has even done an action movie with Robin Padilla and Vina Morales.

Chinggoy is still very much in love with theater. For the Holy Week, he will be in Baguio to sing the part of King Arthur in "Camelot."

Eric's other TV shows

Eric Quizon will also be seen soon in two more TV projects. Today at 11:30 a.m., he hosts and directs a homemaker show "Better Home Ideas" on RPN-9. Eric will share delicious recipes, give practical household and health tips and offer easy-to-implement business ideas.

Another project in the pipeline, also due this month, is a travelogue that he will be doing with brother Jeffrey Quizon. Every month, the two will feature interesting tourist spots. The first show, which will also be co-hosted by beauty queen Georgina Sandico, will feature the sights and sounds of Cebu.

According to Eric, the travelogue will be done in a "wacky, youngish yet informative manner." The one on Cebu will feature the province's "scenic spots, unique culture, beautiful people, appetizing delicacies and the Sinulog celebration."

'Hiwalay kung hiwalay'

We were surprised to see on the government channel an MMDA plug showing estranged couple Jocy Marquez and Alma Moreno talking about "*Hiwalay kung hiwalay.*" Of course, this was produced before the two went their separate ways and the plug was meant to promote the MMDA's trash segregation campaign. Now that the two have formally broken up, shouldn't MMDA pull out the commercial?

MUÑOZ. Classy *contravida.*

Viewers pick easiest and most difficult quiz shows

By Noelani Torre

THE QUIZ show has long been a part of television's repertoire, but it hasn't enjoyed that huge a following until recently. With the economic and political upheavals we Filipinos (as well as the rest of the world) have been undergoing these past months, it's no wonder that—in true Pinoy fashion—we latch on to a new craze. Of course, that today's quiz shows are no longer the staid and sober ones of the past only adds to the attraction.

Stakes

Glitzier and with a gloves-off attitude, the 21st century quiz show, like "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?" and "The Weakest Link," offers more than just a contest of wits. The stakes are higher and, due to the influence of reality TV shows, we are also given glimpses of real human drama. Characters are assassinated and personalities revealed in the space of an hour—inadvertently, most of the time, which only makes it more enjoyable for the viewer.

Contestants can be anybody and one doesn't have to have a college degree or an extra-high IQ to qualify.

Guts

All that's needed is a telephone and a certain amount of guts. And luck, of course. This being the case, viewers empathize more with the contestants they see on their screens. It could be them, after all.

Still, not all quiz shows are created equal, so we thought of asking some members of their huge audience to share their opinions as to which one they thought was the easiest, and which was the most difficult. They were mostly unanimous in their answers, saying that "Game K N B?" is undoubtedly the easiest and "The Weakest Link," with one exception, the hardest. And here are their reasons:

AQUINO. Least intimidating.

MANZANO. "Brutal."

Expression

"Easiest *ang* 'Game K N B?' *kasi parang nagbibigay si* Kris *ng* hints. *'Pag medyo pababa yung pagsabi niya ng 'Sure ka na ba?' ibig sabihin mali yung sagot. 'Pag pataas naman, tama.*

"*May kasama pa iyon na* certain expression. *'Di ko ma*-describe, *pero makikita mo iyon 'pag manonood ka. At saka mas madaling manalo dito kasi pabilisan lang ng pagpindot sa simula, at dalawa lang ang* choices, *di gaya ng sa* 'Who Wants.' *At 'pag nakapasok ka na sa* portion *na nanghihingi lang ng dalawang* correct answers, may sure *ka nang pera, di ba?*

"'Weakest Link' *talaga ang pinakamahirap, hindi dahil sa* questions *na* mostly *madali, pero dahil sa* time limit. *Sa* 'Game K N B?' *at* 'Who Wants?' *kasi, pwede mong kainin ang buong* airtime *kung gugustuhin mo, pero dito hindi. May* tendency *ka tuloy na maguluhan at mataranta. Madami pa kayong* contestants *at nakakatakot ang* process of elimination *dahil 'di mo alam kung sino ang matatanggal at kung kailan. Kapag ikaw ang matanggal, wala ka talagang panalo.* You go home with nothing.

"Factor *din dito ang* host *at ang* hosting style *ni* Edu. *'Di siya katulad ng ibang* host *na* "think-about-your-answer" *o* "is-that-really-your-answer." *Siya, pag mali ka, bobo ka. Lalaitin ka pa, kaya* tense *ang* atmosphere.

"*Ito ang show na may pinakamaraming* pressures—time pressure, pressure *na baka matanggal ka,* pressure *na tama dapat ang sagot,* pressure *na magbank.* That's why this is also the quiz show that's most enjoyable to watch!"—***Ian Segarra, 18.***

Trivia

"The easiest quiz show would be 'Game K N B?' because the questions are easy, extremely easy. Sort of like grade school trivia, as a matter of fact. And when you get to the one-on-one portion, you have many chances to win. Kris is also the least intimidating of all the quiz show hosts. She coddles the contestant, stopping short of actually hugging him.

"I think the hardest would be 'Who Wants to be a Millionaire?' because it's the show with the hardest questions. All that entertainment trivia you don't really care about. And when you answer wrong, that's it, you're out of the game."—***Richard Niebe, 30.***

Process of elimination

"Game K N B?" is definitely the easiest. The questions are common, very general. Also, the process of elimination is fair. You just have to be a fast button-pusher, not like in 'The Weakest Link,' where it's other people who decide whether you stay in the game or not.

"'Weakest Link' is the most difficult because a lot of the questions are academic and come from a very wide range. It's also very fast-paced and the clock starts when Edu asks the question, not after, so many precious seconds are eaten up. Edu also makes it harder because he's almost brutal."—***April Maderazo, 22.***

Choices

"Easiest is 'Game K N B?' because the questions are relatively easy. Its rounds are set up in such a way that you always have choices. And I think that the answer is obvious because the other choices are improbable. The increase in difficulty is also very gradual so it doesn't 'shock' the contestant.

"'The Weakest Link' is the most difficult because the contestant has to cope with a lot of pressures—time pressure, pressure to get it right, etc. The questions themselves are harder, and you don't have any choices, so you really have to know the answer. You also don't get the chance to see the question, so you have to pay really close attention to an intimidating and *masungit* Edu when he snaps it out."—***Allan Reyes, 20.***

"'Game K N B?" is the easiest *kasi madadali lang ang* questions compared *sa ibang* shows. They're mostly about general information so you don't have to have specialized knowledge. The multiple choices also make it easier and another giveaway is Kris' facial expression because it—I think—gives you a clue whether your answer is wrong or not.

"'Weakest Link' is the most difficult because so much depends on sheer luck. It doesn't matter how smart you are. Whether you stay in the game or not is the decision of your teammates, who will probably vote you off if they think you're smarter than them. The time pressure is also hard on you and you can get a mental block even when the question is easy."—***Maki Delgado, 19.***

Eerie screen resurrection for Aaliyah

From page E1

Saralegui said. "The thing you can't do is have fun, but people are more interested because of Aaliyah having died than they were before."

Race has become another point of contention.

Person of color

Although the book describes Akasha as white, Rymer specifically lobbied to cast a person of color, saying that a 6,000-year-old Egyptian Queen should not look like Elizabeth Taylor.

"It has nothing to do with being racist," Rymer said.

Saralegui said: "On one hand the Anne Rice fans are upset that Aaliyah is not white, then the Aaliyah fans start calling these fans racists."

Aaliyah made her screen debut in "Romeo Must Die" (2000) and her vocals have been featured in films such as "Anastasia" and "Dr. Doolittle."

Her self-titled album, released in July, surged back to the top of the pop sales charts after her death, and in January she posthumously won two American Music Awards.

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YOUR WEEKLY TV GUIDE FROM MARCH 2 [illegible]

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ALBUM REVIEWS

Grooving with Faith Hill, Michael and Janet Jackson

By Mary Ann A. Bautista

Faith Hill
There You'll Be

HILL (far left) makes you believe in fairy tales again; Janet Jackson delivers the right beat.

Janet Jackson
"All For You"
Octo Arts EMI

POP-TECHNO from Janet Jackson delivers the right beat and groove, perfect for dancing or just chilling out.

"You Ain't Right" is full of techno beat, there's hardly any need for lyrics. "All For You" is mush with a groovy beat. The lyrics, "I see you staring out of the corner of my eye. You seem uneasy, want to approach me, throw me a line" seem a bit too aggressive but Janet pulls it off with her spunky and carefree attitude.

"When We Oooo," "China Love" and "Would You Mind" are mushy, sentimental ditties referring to soulmates and true love. It's also about expressing that love in a variety of ways.

"Trust a Try" has good rhyme. It's about manipulation, pain and insecurities in a relationship. It's also about being tired of misery.

"Son Of A Gun" (I Betcha Think This Song Is About You) has the makings of a hit. The groove is cool and the lyrics have recall.

Faith Hill
"There You'll Be"
Warner Music

The title track "There You'll Be" makes the images of the movie "Pearl Harbor" come alive in your mind as you listen.

"The Kiss" and "The Way You Love Me" make you believe in fairy tales again, that a guy can make the pivotal moment of being kissed and loved feel like heaven.

> 'Love Will Always Win' is romantic without being overbearing

"Breathe" (Tin Tin Out Remix) is another sentimental ditty that captures your heart because of Faith's smooth voice. She reaches the high notes effortlessly. While "Piece of My Heart" is another "martyr" song. Faith can't stand the pain but she still urges her boyfriend to "take another piece of her heart." It's probably a break-up song.

"If My Heart Had Wings" is a positive song that inspires you to change your life even if your boyfriend is miles away.

"Love Will Always Win" makes you believe that love is always worth fighting for without being too sentimental. It's romantic without being overbearing.

If you want your ballads to have a tinge of country twang, this album is for you.

Michael Jackson
"Invincible"
Sony Music

This album reaffirms Michael's hold on the title, "the only King of Pop." It's a compilation of songs that chronicle his growth as an artist.

"Unbreakable" has attitude and wit. The lyrics, "you can't believe it, you can't conceive it, you can't touch me 'cause I'm untouchable" seem to be prophetic. After years of being an icon in the music industry, he still has beat and rhythm.

"Heartbreaker" pictures a woman as a mean emotional dominatrix with Michael at the receiving end. It's Ricky Martin minus the sensuality.

The title track, "Invincible" returns Michael to his old form and sound. His rebellious and powerful lyrics hit a chord. It's about girl power told from a man's point-of-view.

"Break of Dawn" and "Heaven Can Wait" are a hybrid of ballad and R and B— sweet but painful, poignant and mushy without being too syrupy.

"Butterflies" and "You Rock My World" are pop ditties with a distinct reggae influence.

MICHAEL JACKSON

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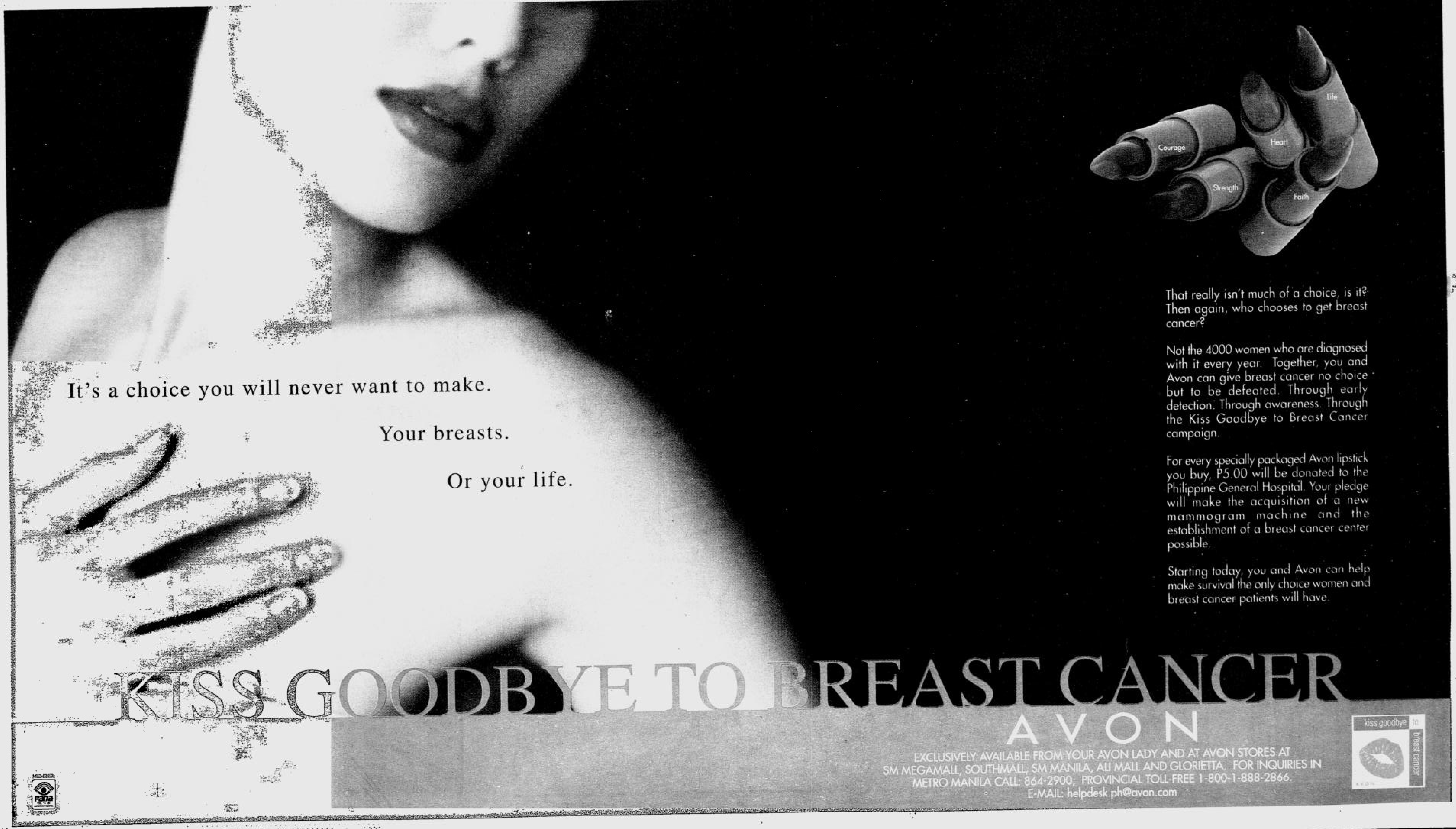

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SATURDAYSpecial

An intimate evening with Ryan and Gary

By Edmund L. Sicam

FANS of Ryan Cayabyab's "Ryan, Ryan Musikahan" will be glad to know that the maestro is reviving the format, but not on the boob tube. This time, Ryan will be seen monthly at the NBC Tent in Fort Bonifacio with special guests doing musical numbers accompanied by Mr. C's piano, nothing more. The series is called "Amazing Nights at the Tent" and the idea, as in "Musikahan," is to offer an intimate look at the artist without using a full orchestra to hype his performance.

Launch

The show will be launched on March 5 with Gary V as the featured artist minus his patented dance movements and the high-tech production numbers that he is known for. For once, Mr. Pure Energy has to restrain himself and rely more on his voice to entertain the audience.

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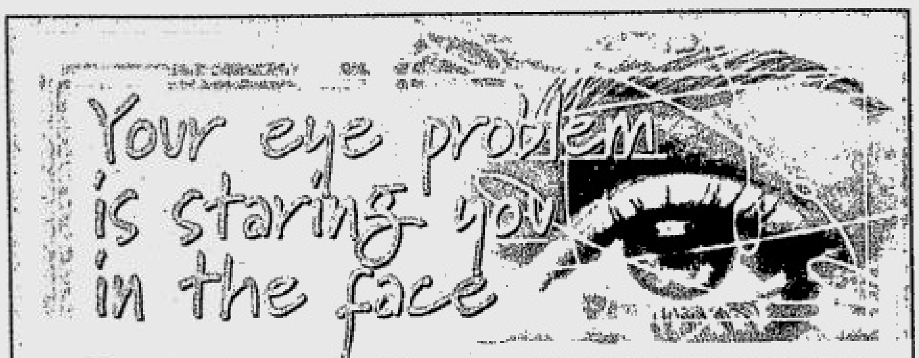
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Computers have equalled the telephone in becoming an indispensable piece of office and home equipment. Working daily in front of the computer for 3 hours or more has become ordinary.

But did you know that computer work is such a physically demanding task for the eyes? Try doing 60 push-ups every minute for 3 hours or more. Non-stop. Now, if you think your body can't take such a beating, your eyes too, were not designed for that kind of abuse. Yet, that's exactly what you're doing to your eyes when you stay for hours at your computer screen.

And you are most likely paying the price with your deteriorating eyesight.

CVS or Computer Vision Syndrome, ***a vision-related problem associated with prolonged computer use, is now very common in the workplace. Its symptoms include tired and dry eyes, blurred vision, headache, difficulty in changing focus, red eyes, burning sensation in the eyes, and sensitivity to glare. And, according to Dr. James Sheedy, one of America's leading researchers on vision and computer usage, 15% of the 85 million eye examinations conducted annually in the U.S. are the direct result of people staring at the monitor for prolonged regular periods. That translates into $2 billion spent on eye examinations and computer-specific glasses.***

Here are some tips that you can immediately put to work - all for your viewing pleasure:

1. *Glare*. While looking at the computer screen, try shielding your eyes from any light source in your room. If you feel an immediate relaxation or soothing, you have a glare problem. Draw the blinds or wear a visor while working.
2. *Light*. If there are too many overhead lights in your room, try turning off a few.
3. *Reflection*. If you can see yourself on the screen, tape a folder on top of the monitor to block the reflection.
4. *Keep your distance*. Your monitor should be placed 18-26 inches away from your eyes when you sit flush against the keyboard and your back against the chair.
5. *Monitor height*. Arrange the monitor so that the top line of on-screen text is at eye level. Placing a monitor too high exposes more of the eye, causing it to dry out.

Finally, rest your eyes. It's the most sensible thing to do. Take a 5-minute break for every 20 minutes spent in front of a computer. Use this time to carry out other non-computer duties or to do some eye exercises, like closing your eyes and rolling them behind your closed eyelids.

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Oh Kaye!

DACER. A kaleidoscope of contrasts and contradictions.

FACE TO FACE

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THE FIRST time I heard her on dzMM lambasting some inept government official, I thought she was Korina Sanchez. Then, I saw her in the dzMM newsroom—110 pounds, 5'4" and a svelte figure, and everything in her face was smiling. She struck me as a sweet, young thing. It did not immediately occur to me that the fiery voice and the pretty face belonged together.

Fragile

For one, she was quite young—just a little over 20 summers at the time. For another, she was the babe-in-the-woods type. And she was decidedly vain—her hair was dyed golden brown and she wore hazel-colored contact lenses. How could somebody so young, fragile and vain be a broadcaster? I mean, can you imagine Jessica Soho with streaked hair?

When I got to know her better, I realized she's for real. Down-to-earth, dainty and fragile outside but one-of-the-boys deep down. She has deep, penetrating eyes that betray a no-nonsense mental apparatus constantly whirring inside. And she's a fighter, a survivor. She's had her share of life's left-handed sense of humor.

I'm talking about Kaye Dacer. She used to co-host "Pasada Sais-Treinta" on dzMM's 4:30 to 6 p.m. slot with Mayor Alfredo Lim before he cast a wistful eye on the presidency. Now, she's the Action Lady in "Aksyon Ngayon," a daily, after-lunch, public service program on dzMM.

Her first love, she said, is public service. She began her broadcasting career via a public service program on dwSS.

Fulfillment

"A public service show gives me a deep sense of fulfillment and joy," she declared. "When you give a wheelchair to a paraplegic, you don't just give him a wheelchair, you give him a life."

At first blush, Kaye is such a simple person—but she actually has a very complex personality. She's first to admit she's a kaleidoscope of contrasts and contradictions. Like, she's the romantic, flowers-and-chocolates type who'd pour everything she has on the object of her affection—but she's also a control freak who knows what she wants and how to get it.

She has a degree in interior design—very feminine. But she also like guns—very masculine! She has decorated the homes of some of her friends and she's so good at it that she can actually make a flourishing career of it. But she's also a member of a gun club. And hear this: She's been into this for barely two weeks but she already has a growing collection of gold medals she's won from the practical shooting competitions she has joined.

Emotional turbulence

"A month ago, I went through some emotional turbulence," she laughed. "I didn't know how to snap out of it so I decided to try something new—and practical shooting offered attractive prospects to me."

Actually, since childhood, Kaye didn't like dolls and preferred playing with guns with her brothers. Yes, she's the only girl in the family, and the youngest at that. She revealed she used to be scared of real guns but now, her exposure to guns has instilled in her a sense of respect for them.

"Yes, a gun can give you a sense of power but, more than that, a deeper awareness of the discipline and responsibility that should go with owning a gun," Kaye explained.

"I have an STI Super .38 with scope and compensator. It's a mean machine, it's not a toy. It does not make me feel powerful but disciplined and responsible. And it provides a sense of security. Because I'm a radio commentator. I've had my share of death threats. It's a necessity that I know how to defend myself when danger stares me in the face."

Satisfaction

But Kaye also readily admitted that there's an aspect to guns that gives her a more personal feeling of satisfaction. "Guns are supposed to be exclusively for men, and I'm the type who wants to prove that women can do whatever men can. Perhaps, we can even do better, given the same opportunities."

Right now, Kaye is so dedicated to her new sport that she devotes a minimum of three hours everyday, four times a week, to it. And she didn't think twice about spending a tidy sum to buy herself a gun and its accessories. Also, she has vowed to herself that she's not going to have a boyfriend until she becomes a national

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Viewers suggest improvements on television quiz shows

By Nestor U. Torre

FROM time to time, we get calls from or meet people who suggest improvements on the TV shows they watch. Lately, we've observed that many of their suggestions are related to quiz shows, so we've compiled this "viewers' wish list" of ways that local quiz programs on TV can be improved. We've also included some of our own suggestions. Let's hope that the people involved act on at least some of them:

Statistics

On "The Weakest Link," the most frequently expressed wish is for the weakest link each round to be determined, not by the contestants, but by relative statistics on how all the entrants perform.

The idea here is to counter the contestants' tendency to vote off their smartest competitors, so that they can have an easier time of it in the show's last, championship round.

This may be a "practical" move, but it ticks viewers off because they think it's unfair, and it sometimes reduces the final round to an irritating duel between two very mediocre contestants.

So, let the statistics prevail! That way, so that the finalists will truly be the brightest contestants in the whole lot, and viewers can enjoy a much more exciting finale.

More women

Still on "The Weakest Link," greater effort should be made to get more women to join the show. Also, contestants should be told in no uncertain terms not to form secret cliques, and not to disparage older contestants and women, as they sometimes do. Leave your sexist and "ageist" biases at home, please.

On "Who Wants to be a Millionaire," the hosting has improved, but there is still the tendency to make contestants feel insecure about their answers, prompting them to use up their lifelines, sometimes quite unnecessarily.

The sad consequence is, when contestants desperately need those lifelines later in the show when really huge cash prizes are at stake, they no longer have any to resort to.

Subsequent round

And, on "Game Ka Na Ba?," the suggestion is for the show not to require a contestant to forfeit his "charity" or "family" showcase after he loses a subsequent round. This makes the production come off as rather mean-spirited.

Besides, the quiz show *has* on occasion opted to retain the showcase even if a contestant loses a round later in the program, as an additional incentive for the entrant to "dare" to aim for a bigger prize.

Showcase

So, it would be just a matter of making the retention of the showcase a regular rather than occasional procedure on the show.

On quiz shows in general: Some viewers point out that celebrity contestants get asked easier questions than non-celebrities, and they think that's unfair.

Others note that the rule of "increasing difficulty" in the questions asked as the cash prizes keep going up isn't clearly observed. Some early questions are too tough, while some questions asked later are too easy, so contestants and viewers get thrown off.

Relatively easy question

A recent example of this is the "ginseng" question Richard Gomez was recently asked on "Game..." That question had a P1 M price tag, which was too high for such a relatively easy question to answer.

On the plus side, viewers enjoy watching quiz shows because they add to their store of knowledge, and coax them to empathetically give their own brain cells a workout, as they try to answer the questions at home.

The experience won't necessarily make them more intelligent, just more knowledgeable—but that isn't bad, either. Beats watching emotionally excessive and redundant *telenovelas*, that's for sure!

An intimate evening . . .

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problem, according to Ryan, who has the greatest respect for singers' musical talent. In fact, Ryan confided to us that only twice has he been bowled over by singers on television. One was Janno Gibbs, whom he spotted many years ago guesting on a variety show. Right away, he knew Janno would do well in his musical career. He was a bit disappointed when the comedian decided to concentrate on movie appearances and made music his second priority.

The second artist who caught Ryan's attention was Gary V, who guested in a show hosted by Pilita Corrales and Jackielou Blanco in 1982. Gary made a career of his musical ability, to the maestro's great delight. Ironically, the two have never worked together on a full-length concert. Ryan has been musical director at concerts where Gary V. was a guest along with other performers.

Rare concert

In 1986, for instance, "Best of Manila" featured Gary along with top artists like Zsa Zsa Padilla, Basil Valdez, Kuh Ledesma and The Tux, with Mr. C as musical director. Then years later, they performed at a P10,000 a plate dinner for The World Wildlife Foundation where most of the stars in the musical firmament performed. Ryan recalled that it was a once-in-a-lifetime concert but there was no camera to record the event. He said ABS-CBN's Gabby Lopez attended the affair and was flabbergasted that his network didn't get the rights to the show.

"Amazing Nights," therefore, marks the first time Gary and Ryan will be collaborating on a full-length concert, and they are excited about doing a show together. At the press lunch, Gary V. was all smiles as he spoke about doing his trademark songs such as "Sana'y Maulit Muli" and "Take Me Out of the Dark" with just the piano for accompaniment. Gary will also be interpreting some of Ryan's compositions.

Choice of piano

Since the piano is the only instrument onstage, we asked Ryan if he specifies what kind of piano to use in his concerts. He was surprised why we asked. "That's the first time anyone has ever asked me that," he replied. He said this had never been a problem in his concerts although, once, he and Celeste Legaspi were asked to perform for the King and Queen of Spain at a reception in a restaurant in Intramuros. No one bothered to check the piano. When it was time to perform, that's when Ryan realized the piano had some strings missing, so his performance was a bit off.

CAYABYAB AND VALENCIANO. First collaboration.

There will be two pianos onstage at the NBC Tent for the March 5 show. We gathered that Ryan and Gary will be jamming so that, too, should be a treat, since Gary is not really known for his piano playing. Gary says he never took up formal lessons in piano and learned, as with many musicians, the *oido* way.

The NBC Tent can accommodate more than a thousand people but for "Amazing Nights," the place will be set up for only 500 to give the occasion the intimacy it requires. This will also ensure that the audience will get a good view of the concert, no matter where they're seated.

Other top artists are being lined for the series but since negotiations are still going on, the complete list is not yet available. The only confirmed guestings so far are those of Ana Fegi and Bituin Escalante in April and Lani Misalucha in June.

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DINA AND FPJ. A dream fulfilled.

Dina Bonnevie acts with FPJ for the first time

By Remy M. Umerez

SOMETIME ago, actress Dina Bonnevie nearly packed her belongings and left for Switzerland for good. A failed marriage, an aborted talk show and no interesting movie projects were reasons for her to quit show biz.

Good projects

But good projects started pouring in. First came "American Adobo," shot entirely in the US and directed by Laurice Guillen. Even for a song, Dina would not have minded appearing with a cast whom she considers close friends in real life.

Upon her return, Viva lost no time in securing her services to star in "Tatarin," an official entry to the Metro Manila Filmfest last December.

Surprises

Towards the end of 2001, two more surprises came Dina's way: GMA offered her a role in the new soap series, "Ikaw Lamang ang Mamahalin." And she was tapped to be the leading lady of Fernando Poe, Jr. in "Batas ng Lansangan."

Dina says, "I gave up dreaming of becoming FPJ's leading lady due to a frustrating experience. *Noon pa sana gusto ni* Ronnie *na magtambal kami.* I made *paalam* from Viva since I was under contract with them, but permission wasn't granted."

How does it feel to be finally working with a living legend like FPJ? "I was very excited but quite scared. I heard stories about his deciding not to shoot because he was not in the mood. But he turned out to be very professional and dedicated to his job. When I arrived, the cameras had already been set up. And he agreed to my request that I shoot only up till midnight. Off camera, Ronnie is so *kalog*, a comedian who love to tell stories."

Kissing scene

A scene Dina really prepared for was their kissing scene. "At first I couldn't believe that he scheduled such a scene, because it is unheard of in any of his movies. I thought he had perhaps changed his style for 2002. Would it be intimate? I brought my breast tapes, just in case. To my great surprise, the shoot took only a couple of seconds, and with our mouths fully closed. It was a super-conservative and old-fashioned kiss, like

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champion!

"I have the best coach there is," she said, referring to Boy Abu, also the coach of such shooting champs as Jethro Dionisio, Judith Jamasale, Winston Amigochan and several others. "I cannot yet claim to be very good at this but I'm quite confident that, with his and my determination, I can make it."

Achiever

I don't doubt that, not for a minute, because I know that Kaye has the single-mindedness to reach any goal, if she wants it badly enough. She's into a lot of things but she's an achiever. I sometimes wonder where she gets all the time and energy for her multitude of causes and involvements.

As if her public service show and her sport don't take up a lot of her time, she's also the incoming president of Rotary Club Dist. 3708, director of the Philippine National Red Cross-QC Chapter, president of Serbisyo Publiko Foundation Inc., member of the board of trustees of the Urban Poor for Human Resettlement Inc., member of Kapihan sa Club, etc. And she also paints for self-expression.

On top of all that, she wants to squeeze into her already very tight schedule her plan to take up Law. She really wouldn't have time or space for love, would she?

She let out a big laugh. "I've made foolish choices in the past," she grinned. "It's time to rest my heart—At least, until I become a national champ in practical shooting!"

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Statistics detail Filipino movie industry's woes

By Nestor U. Torre

THE FILIPINO film industry is appealing to our legislators to pass measures that will lessen the heavy financial burden that movie producers have to bear, a burden that has been discouraging other businessmen from going into film production themselves.

Just how heavy is our producers' burden? The Power Point presentation of the Film Development Foundation of the Philippines for the benefit of our legislators goes into these informative *and* dismaying details:

For every peso in gross receipt, the amusement tax eats up to 30 centavos and the cultural tax is P0.125, leaving P0.6875. The producer's share of this (50 percent) is P0.3437. Of this, VAT takes 10 percent (P0.0343) and the withholding tax is 5 percent (P0.0171), so the producer's net receipt after taxes is only P0.2921 out of the original P1.00 (less than 30 percent).

Gross earnings

How much does a film have to make just to break even? If the cost of production is P15 M per movie and the producer's share on gross receipts after tax is 29.2 percent, the film has to rack up gross earnings of P51 M just for the producer to recoup his investment.

As any producer will tell you, very few Filipino movies make P50 M at the tills. Another note: the government takes P15 M whether or not a film breaks even.

Clearly, the local film industry is one of the most heavily-taxed sectors. *Other* taxes include (national) income tax, capital gains tax, (multi-national or regional) office tax, (local) municipal tax, community tax, LGC code of 1991 taxes, garbage and inspection fees, plus MTRCB regulatory fees, annual registration fees and videogram regulatory fees.

Heavy taxation

This heavy taxation has burdened the movie industry for more than half a century, and has been a major factor in inhibiting its growth and progress.

Another dis-incentive: The Philippine government provides much less help to the industry than other countries. Take a look at these comparative charts provided by the FDFPI:

Countries	Admission Price (PhP)	Amusement Tax	VAT
Japan	543.27	5%	
USA	342.78	(consumption tax)	
Taiwan	311.05	8%	
Hong Kong	302.06		
Australia	205.23		
Korea	185.09	7.5%; 6.5% (cultural fund)	10%
Singapore	176.52	3% (goods and service tax)	
New Zealand	146.53		
Thailand	81.41	None (only municipal tax of BHT 1.50)	10%
Brunei	75.41		
Malaysia	73.26	25%-31%	
Philippines	45.00	30%	10%
Indonesia	26.56	20% (ave.)	
Philippines	45.00	30%	10%
Europe			
Austria	355.19		10%
Denmark	385.61		25%
Finland	352.61		12%
France	385.61	11%	6%
Germany	404.46	2%	7%
Greece	268.64	4%-12%	8%
Israel	266.92	3%	17%
Italy	289.20	9%	10%
Lebanon	171.38	5%	
Netherlands	317.05		6%
Portugal	162.81	8%	5%
S. Africa	154.24		14%
Spain	210.80		7%
Sweden	366.32		6%
Switzerland	483.29	0-15%	7%
U.K.	263.07		17.5%

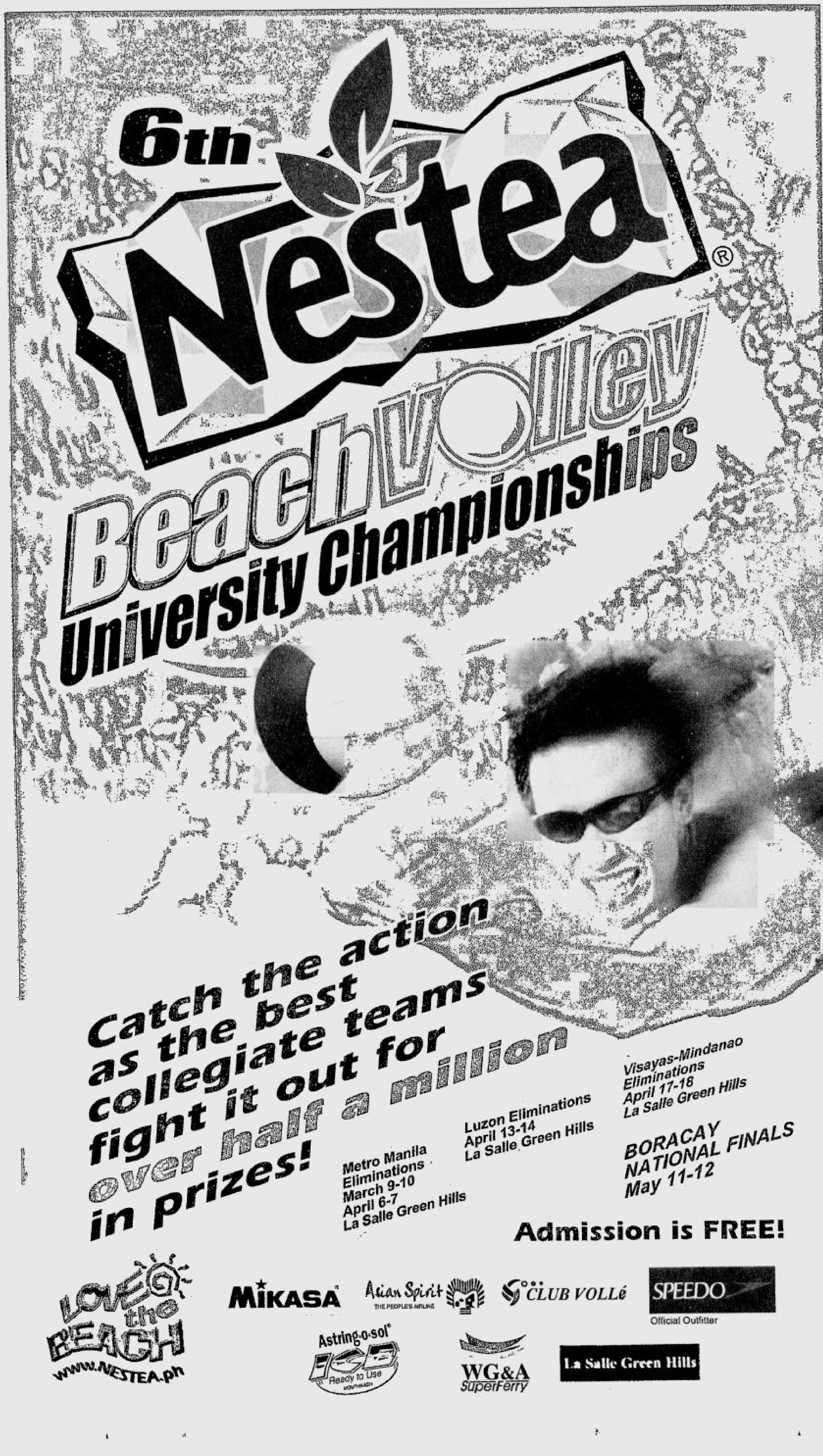
Other amusement activities

Now, compare the tax on movies with the tax levied on other amusement activities in this country:

Movies, 30 percent; Jai-alai and racetracks, 30 percent; cockpits, cabarets, night or day clubs, 18 percent; professional basketball games, 15 percent; boxing exhibitions, 10 percent. (Another note: amusement taxes account for less than one percent of government revenue collections).

For these and other reasons, therefore, the leaders and members of the Filipino movie industry urge our legislators to pass the bill creating the Film Development Board of the Philippines, which seeks to rationalize and improve the local filmmaking situation, so that more and better motion pictures can be made, to benefit the entire nation.

We hope that, when the bill is discussed shortly in the Senate and the House of Representatives, enlightened viewers will make their legislators know that they support it, and want to see it passed into law.



Savoring Greek food in Vancouver

WORD OF MOUTH

Sandy Daza

VANCOUVER, Canada—The tiny town of Steveston is home to the most interesting dock in Vancouver. It is here where fishing boats dock on weekends to display and sell the fresh catch of the day.

Seafood chowder

Live crabs, shrimps of various sizes and varieties of salmon are all on display. It is also home to Shady Island, the producer of the best-tasting seafood chowder I have ever eaten.

In this quaint town, there is the popular Diplomat bakery that produces the best European pastries, a British store that sells English specialty items, a wine store with a "do-it-yourself" kit for both red and white wine. Interesting!

There is a seafood grocery that sells anything from scallops and salmon heads to "bacalao," etc. (guess who buy most of their salmon heads?—Pinoys).

There are shops that sell items for fishing, another that offers Italian Gelato, and one that sells lobster burgers. There are Spanish, Italian, Japanese and Greek restaurants. It is a town where people know each other.

It was in one of these Greek restaurants that I experienced a most memorable meal. Tessa and I got attracted to the Greek décor and music. We were given a table with the view of the street. Kisamos is a taverna with authentic Greek cuisine.

Greek salad

I started with a Greek salad—tomato, cucumber, bell pepper and fresh onions with feta cheese and some dressing. Good, but can be found elsewhere or made at home.

The other dish we got was a Fisherman's Soup. This was a winner—clear, with fresh seafoods like scallops, prawns, salmon, clams, mussels, and a variety of herbs, flavored with a tinge of celery, onion and saffron. You squeezed a slice of lemon over the soup and the non-fattening dish came to life. With some pita bread and Tzatziki (cucumber, yogurt and garlic) sauce, it was heavenly. It could compare in taste to Shady Island's seafood chowder.

The other dish we had was Roast Lamb—tender portions of lamb, slowly simmered to perfection and served with a minted gravy, rice pilaf, oven roasted potatoes and grilled pita bread. The lamb was super-superb! It came with a red, thick sauce, the morsels of lamb were sticky and tender, while the meat around the ribs just fell off. I dreamt of that lamb for many days after.

Dessert

For dessert, we had Ekmek. Sounds like a child teasing a playmate, but we wanted to try the most popular item. The three-layered dessert was also a winner. The menu described it as a cool custard cream layered over kataifi pastry (similar to puff pastry), almonds and cinnamon with syrup, and topped with whipped cream. It actually had a base of shredded filo pastry (which I thought was coconut), topped with what tasted like pannacota, chopped pistachio with a dusting of cinnamon, finally smothered with whipped cream. Chilled, it was "name-forgetting." Kisamos is located on Moncton st., in the historic Steveston Village.

Happy eating!

Dina . . .

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the ones done in the early'50!"

It turned out that Ronnie was playing it safe because he considered the scene a sensitive one. In the plot, Dina is the sister of his wife who was murdered. A prolonged and passionate kiss with a sister-in-law might not sit well with some sectors of society.

The actress discovered that, behind his imposing façade, FPJ is a regular fellow, an interesting and intelligent conversationalist, a very private person, a loyal and generous friend *and* drinking buddy.

Dina declares that, having had the pleasure of working with Da King Ronnie, she won't mind retiring from show biz!

Not unless another good project comes along—like the role Laurice Guillen has in mind for Dina to play: a woman suffering from mid-life crisis.

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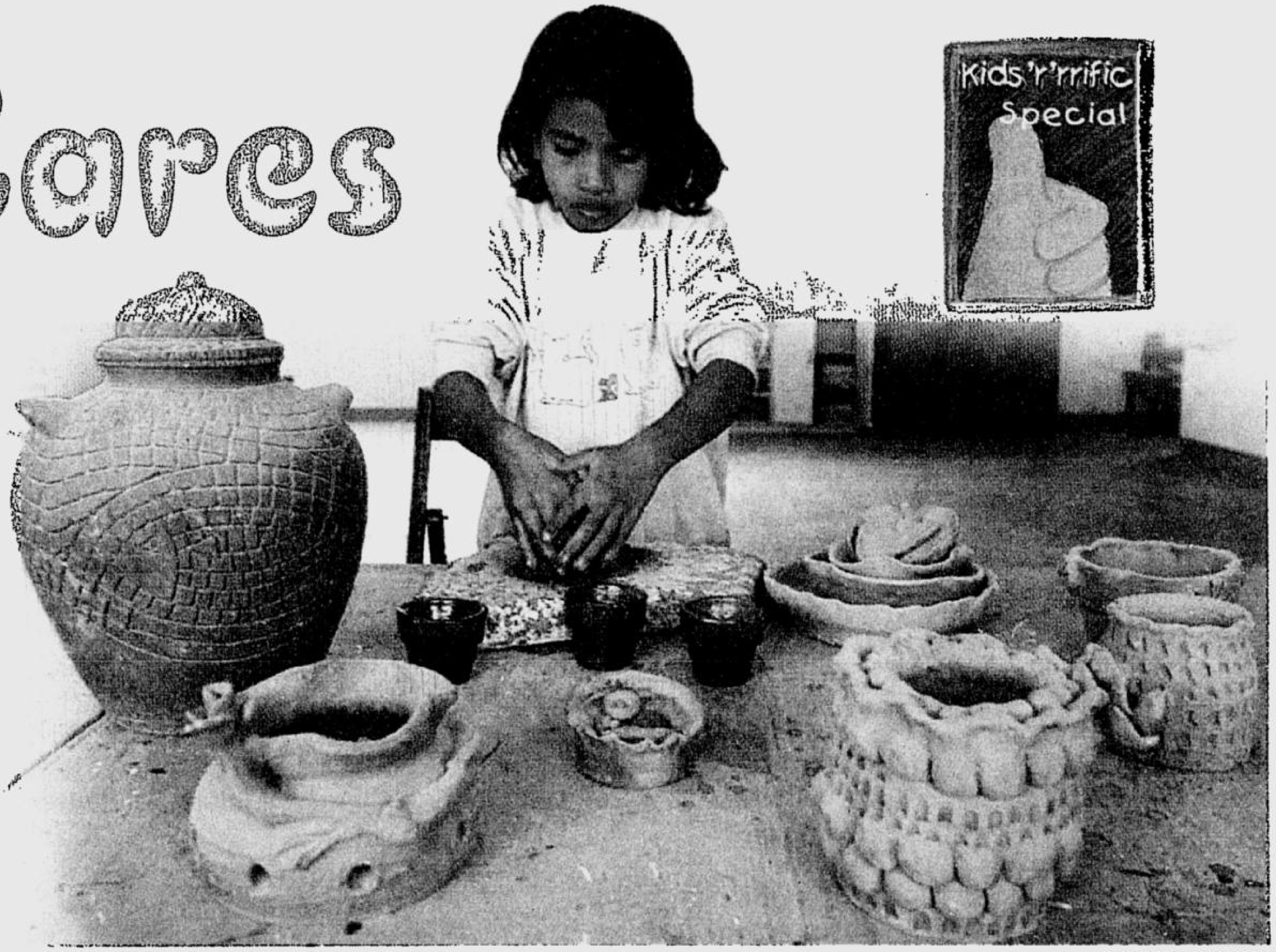
KC Cares

The story of a good kid who's got a lot to give

By Eline Santos



NO WASTE! KC recyles old clay pots by pulverizing them and adding to wet clay. JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

WHEN the Master Potter was shaping the clay meant to be Kristina "KC' Alhambra, he must have put in a heart of gold, a voracious appetite for learning, and hands that do good wherever they could.

From her P20-a-day allowance, KC saves money to buy biscuits and candy for her young Aeta friends. In fact, just last month, she shared a stash of cookies and candy-heart lollipops with her friends at the Haduan Resettlement in Mabalacat as a post-Valentine treat.

KC likes to tag along with her mother, a social worker, to far off resettlement areas in Porac, Olongapo and Tarlac. And when she's there, she tries to be as helpful as she could.

Generous Kid

It's amazing how generous and giving KC is even if her family has had their share of hardships. They had to move so many times to different resettlement areas after Mt. Pinatubo erupted in June 1991.

At the Cabalantin Elementary School, KC has to share each textbook with three other students. "We don't have enough books," she lamented.

But despite difficulties, KC has an easy smile and an open hand ready to share her blessings with those in need.

"Why do they spend so much in the Senate?" she asked. KC felt bad and was bewildered at the reported millions of pesos senators spend on their staff and trips abroad.

"Some people have nothing to eat," she said. "In school there are no books. Then they spend on useless things. "*Kahit libro lang sana, 'wag po nila ipagkait sa mga mahihirap,* (I wish they wouldn't deny poor people the right to read books and learn)."

The World is a School

Besides being an honor student in school, KC learns cool stuff in her "travels" that aren't taught inside the classroom.

KL speaks Filipino, Pampango and English. But she also understands a bit of the Aeta's language.

She also knows a lot about plants. On the way to Haduan, KC had fallen and hurt her leg. But she didn't cry—a real trooper! Upon reaching our destination, she plucked a leaf to rub on her wound to help make it better.

Later, she showed us a different light-green leaf, "Taste it," she invited. It was sour. "It's used to give flavor to food," she explained, like sampaloc or kamias.

So, it's not surprising that this young lady treasures nature as well as she treasures her friends. She gets upset at the sight of plastic wrappers and bottles strewn by the side of the river.

"Please don't litter," KC admonished tourists hiking up to see Haduan Echo Falls. It is the Aetas'

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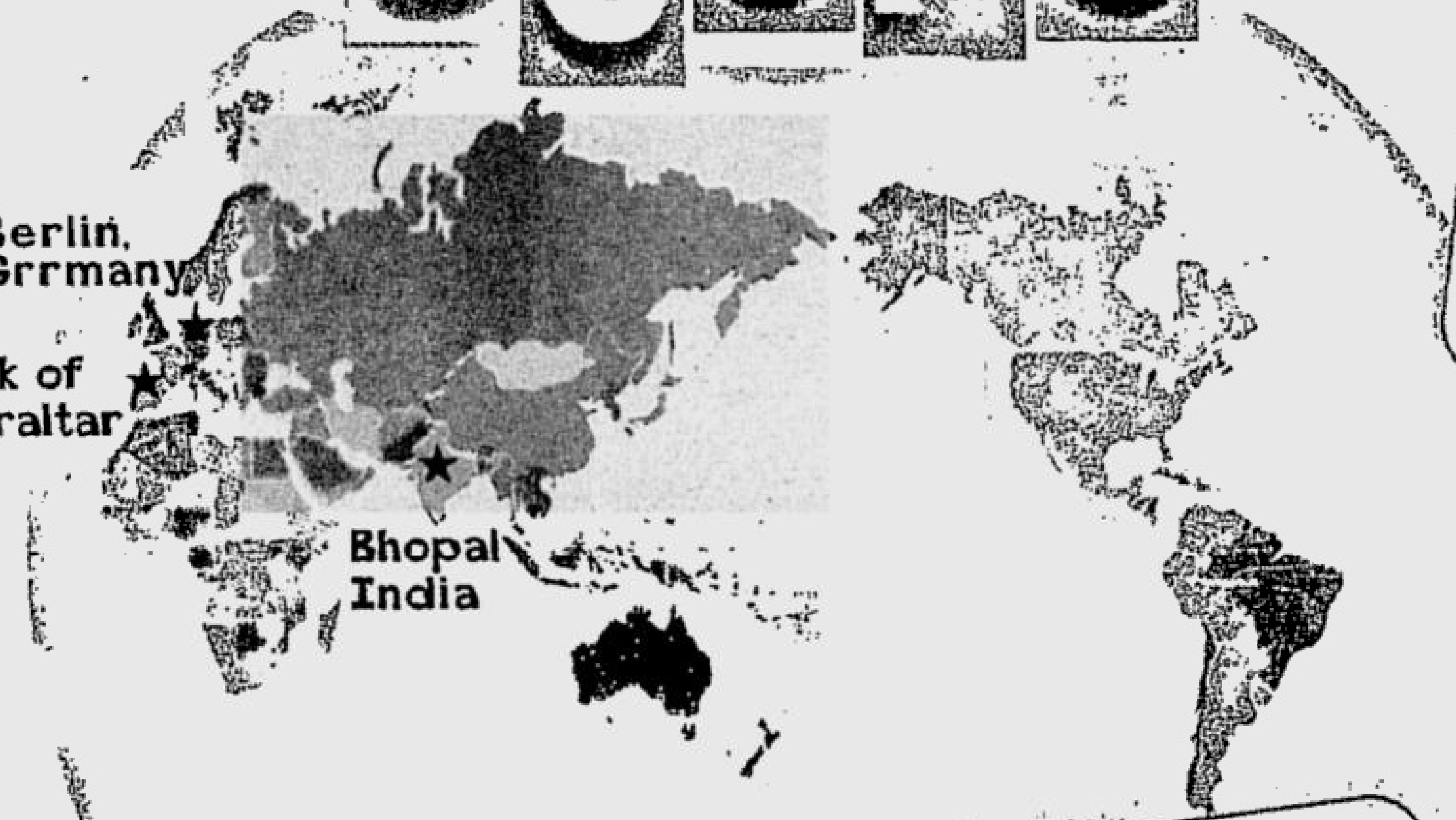
World Scope

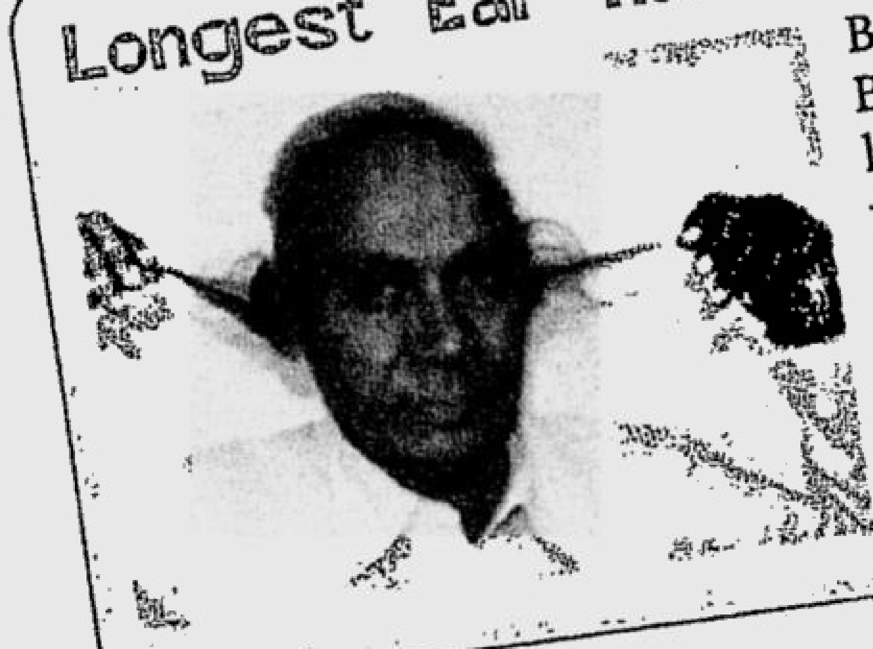


Annoying Laughter

BWA-HAHAHAHA
HeeeHeeHyuk
HiHiHAHA

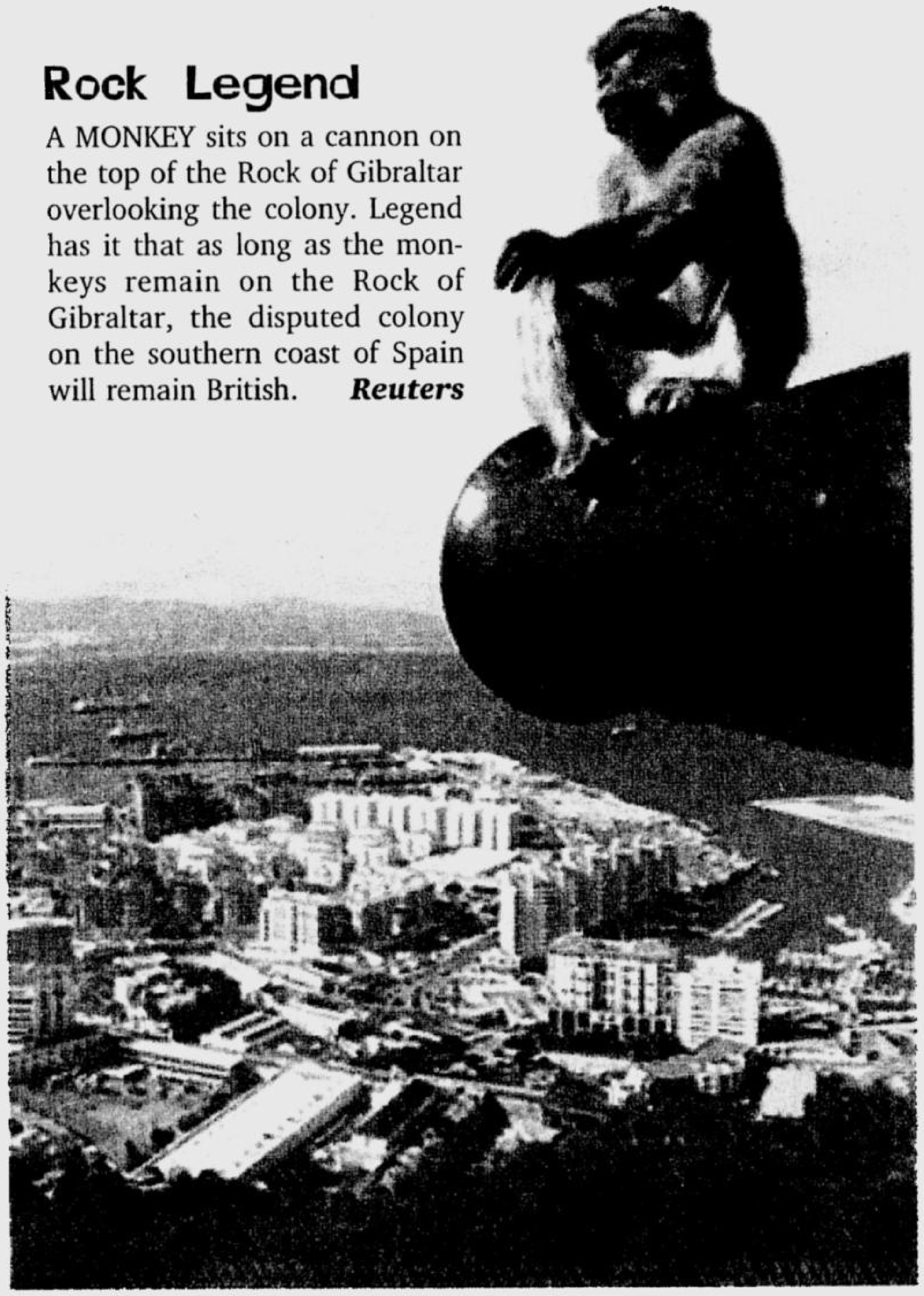
A BERLIN man who laughed too much and too loudly was evicted from his flat after neighbors complained. Juergen Olschewski, 59, was forced to leave his home in the working class district of Wedding because he "violated the rules" by laughing loudly, the daily newspaper Bild said. The paper quoted Berlin's state-operated building association as saying in an eviction notice: "You have been charged with violating the rules: causing disturbing noises through loud laughter." "We've had too many complaints," an agency spokesperson said. ***Reuters***

Longest Ear Hair



B.D.TYAGI, a resident of Bhopal, India, displays the longest ear hair in the world, measuring 10.2 cm or 4 inches. Tyagi received a certificate from the Guinness Book of World Records on Jan. 29, 2002 for the feat. ***AP***

Rock Legend



A MONKEY sits on a cannon on the top of the Rock of Gibraltar overlooking the colony. Legend has it that as long as the monkeys remain on the Rock of Gibraltar, the disputed colony on the southern coast of Spain will remain British. ***Reuters***

Best for Kids

NORWEIGIAN director Lars Berg, left, and his main actor Eirik Evjen present the vitreous bear prize they won with their film "Glasskar" during the 52nd Children's film festival at the Berlinale Film Festival in. The International Jury and the Children's Jury gave the first prize in the category film to the Norwegian production. ***AP***

OUT THERE

By Marlet D. Salazar

Got something for Out There? Send us the info two weeks in advance. Our fax numbers are 897-4793 up to 94. Don't forget to include your contact numbers and addresses.

Play

THE BARD'S PLAY. The Grade 6 students of St. Scholastica's College present William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Professor Naty Crame Rogers directs this magical fantasy on March 5 and 6 at the St. Ehrentrudis Hall (Little Theater), St. Scholastica's College, Manila. For more information, call up 524-7686 and look for Myrna Cariaso.

HYAAH!
BOREDOM BE GONE!

Workshops

KIDDIE ARTISTS. Aspiring child sculptors ages 7-14 are invited to join Escuela sa Museo's workshop. Learn sculpting basics with Bambi Cordero. Or try basic arts and crafts classes with Amiel Roldan. Ayala Museum is temporarily located at the 3rd floor of Glorietta 2, Makati City. For more info call 810-8407.

ARTS AND "KRAFT." Here are more classes in basic drawing, painting, sculpture and crafts for young artists ages 5-12. The 10th Kids at Art Summer Workshop is from April 1 to May 9. There will be 13 workshop venues in Metro Manila, Cebu and Davao. For inquiries and reservations please call 414-1954 or visit our website at www.kidsatartworkshop.com

SUMMER FUN. Don't want to spend summer moping about at home? Here's a list of stuff you can do at the Philippine Women's University-Total Wellness and Fitness Center: swimming, martial arts, painting, cartoon drawing, sketching, voice lessons, guitar, violin, piano lessons, yoga and meditation, baking, ballet, jazz, modern and Hawaiian dance. Hurry, it starts March 1. Call up 524-2609, 526-8421 local 142. The PWU-Total Wellness and Fitness Center is located at PWU-Taft Manila Campus, Nakpil Gate.

POET IN YOU. Are you a Balagtas-wannabe? Check out this seminar on Filipino poetry writing. The "Panimula ng Panulaang Pilipino" will be held tomorow at the Earthlite 4F COD Bldg., Cubao, Quezon City. For details call 0919-6318749 or 428-5041 (after 6 p.m.).

Cable Picks

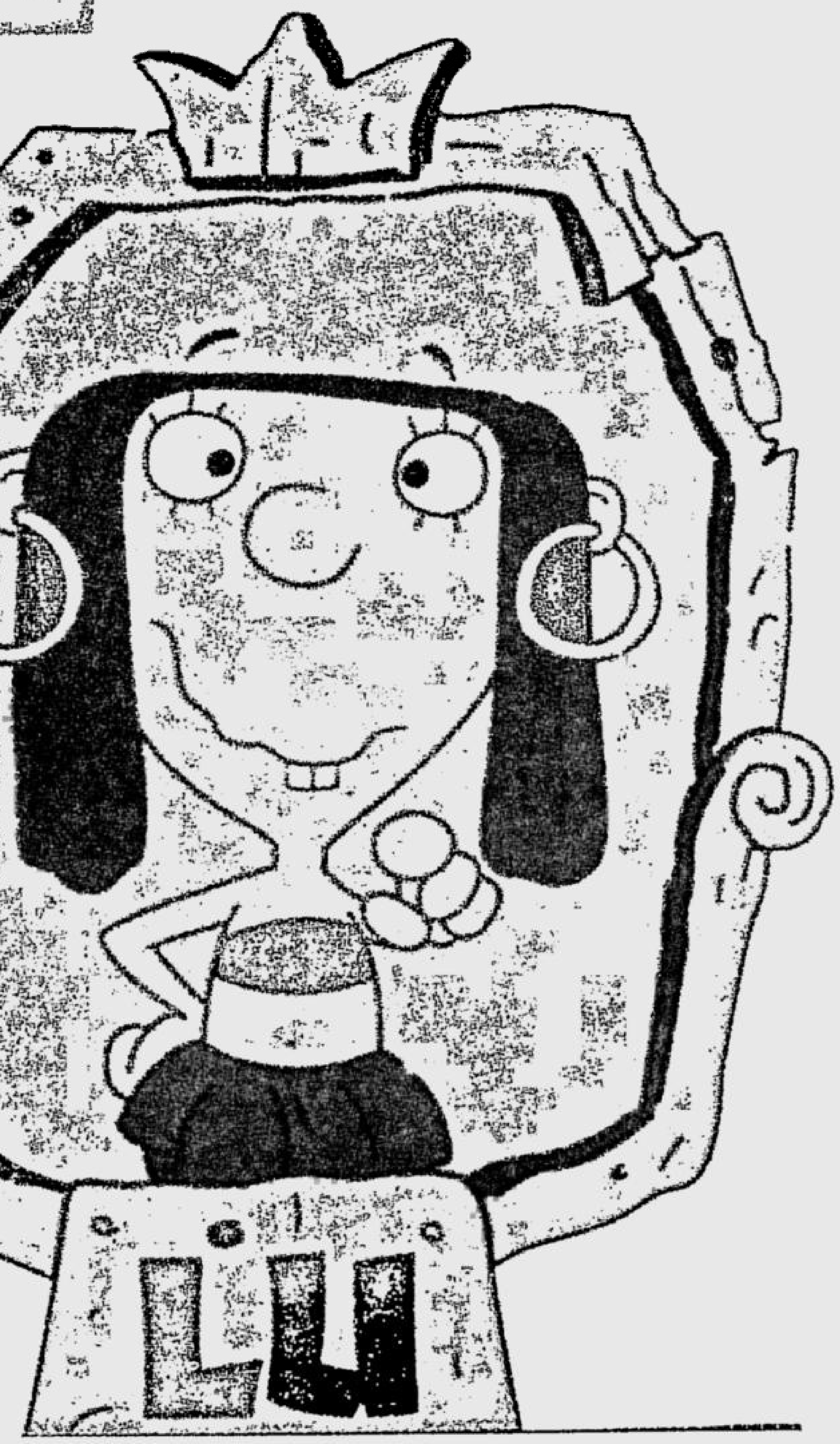
WHO'S CHARACTER OF THE MONTH? Cartoon Network pays tribute to a royal personality this March. Lu of "Mike, Lu and Og" is Character of the Month. Lu claims to be a princess and sees the whole world from a uniquely "regal" perspective. Catch her wacky adventures with Mike and Og every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. on Cartoon Network.

SHOWS ON NGC. Learn about the Ghosts of Gondwana, better known as Bats of the Underworld, on National Geographic Channel. A prominent biologist once described his nighttime experience in the forests of New Zealand as "...the closest thing to studying life on another planet." Don't miss it on March 13 at 8 p.m. on National Geographic Channel.

Learn more about the world's largest fish in an all-new series from NGC "Out There (Adventure Starts Here) with Toyota." Join father and son photography/conservationist team John and Sune Nightingale criss-cross the globe in search of The Whale Shark. That's on March 13 at 9 p.m. on NGC.

Activities

BOOK FAIR IN THE VISAYAS. Check out the Philippine Book Fair-Western Visayas. Last day is tomorrow. Browse through the latest books, magazines, periodicals, journals and other educational materials. The book fair is located at the Lower Ground Level of SM City Iloilo, Mandurriao, Iloilo City and is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. For more information please contact Primetrade Asia Inc. at 896-0661, 896-0682 and 897-0739. Or, send an email to ptrade@philonline.com



KC Cares

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source of water, used both for washing and drinking. They keep the place clean and charge visitors a minimal fee of P10 each for its upkeep.

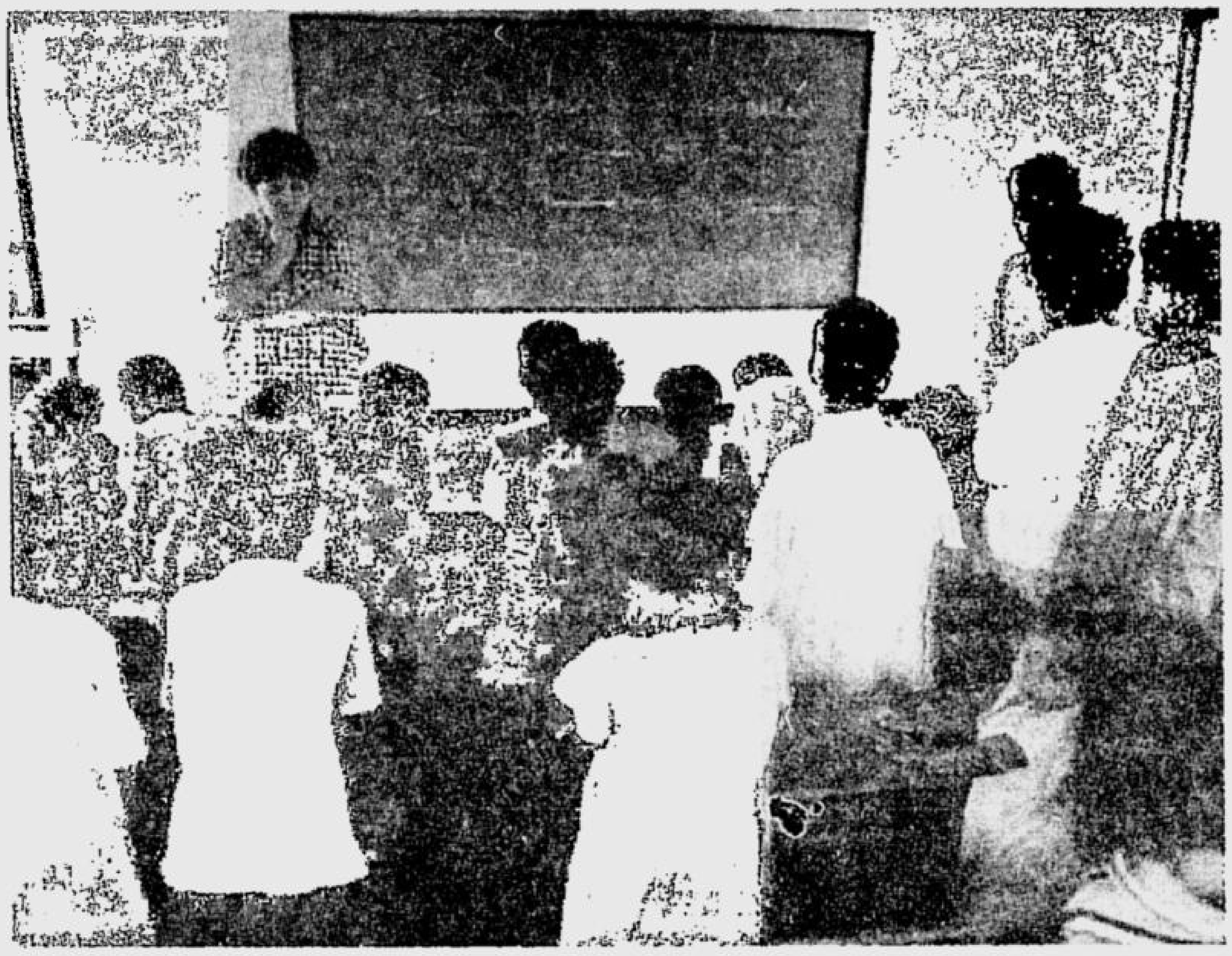
KC the Potter

KC's mother also teaches pottery-making at a government center. There, KC is very much at home, too.

KC explained that shards of pottery can be recycled by grounding the pieces to dust and mixing it with unbaked clay. It can then be remolded into new vessels.

"We shouldn't waste clay," KC says. "Otherwise it would run out and there would be none for us to use." Baskets, vases, and pots are some of the pieces KC has made. One of her creations is a heart-shaped vessel made out of balls of clay.

While her creations are delightful, the real masterpiece is KC herself. With her heart of gold, a hunger for learning, and hands that do good wherever they could, the Master Potter must be really proud.



WE NEED BOOKS! **Schoolchildren have to share books during class.**

Photos by JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

COOL BREAK **KC (far right) loves to spend her free time with her Aeta friends and her mom.**

You Are Invited

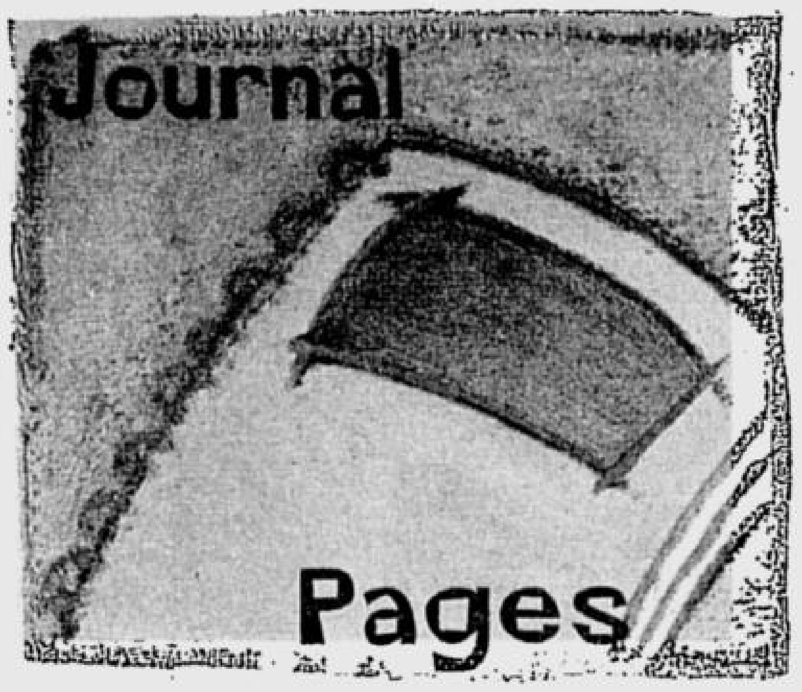
What: A brainstorming and chatty kind of orientation on "What Kind of Short Stories for Children is JI Really Looking For"

Who: **Adult** Story Writers for Kids, especially those whose works have already been published in JI

When: 1:30 p.m., Saturday, March 9, 2002

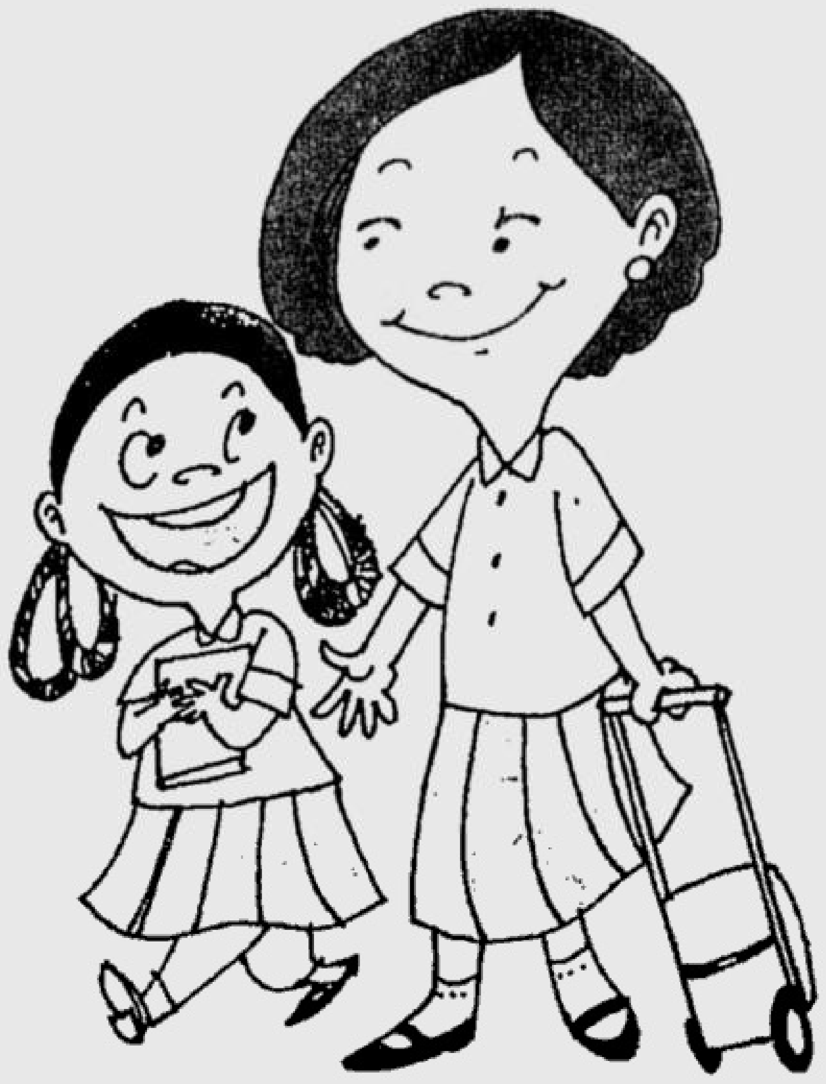
Where: Philippine Daily Inquirer Bldg., Chino Roces Avenue corner Yague and Mascardo Streets, Makati City

R.S.V.P. (That's French mumbo-jumbo for "please tell us if you're surely, absolutely and really coming.) Send your name, age, address and contact number to ji@inquirer.com.ph before March 4.



Si Mary Ann

By Frances L. Valderrama
Colegio Sta. Isabel, Laguna



SI MARY ANN ang pinakapaborito kong kaklase. Siya ay mabait, mapagbigay at maganda. Siya ay matalino. May mga nagsasabi na si Mary Ann daw ay masamang bata. Pero hindi ako naniwala.

Si Mary Ann ay masipag. Kahit anong ipadala sa kanya ay kaya niyang dalhin. Kahit siya ay mas matangkad, marami siyang nalalaman. At kahit mahina ang boses niya ay okay lang iyon.

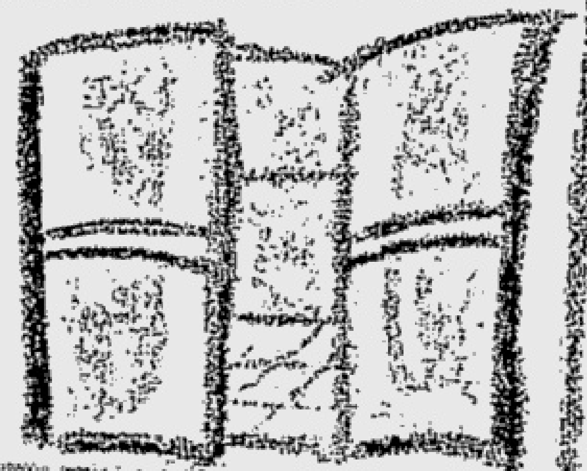
Hindi siya pinagagalitan ng mga guro dahil siya ay hindi magulo at siya'y masipag na nag-aaral. Kahit matalino siya ay naibabahagi niya sa amin ang lahat ng kanyang pinag-aaralan.

Palagi rin siyang nagdarasal. Kahit mahirapan siya sa mga tanong, kaya niya lahat itong sagutin dahil ginagamit niya ang kanyang pag-iisip. Para sa akin, siya ay ang pinakamatalino kong kaibigan.

Sound Familiar ?
Write down your thoughts now and send them to JI. Who knows, you might just get published!

Straight from JI Readers

You can now reach us via e-mail! Our address is **ji@inquirer.com.ph** Don't forget to include your complete name, age, snail mail address and your phone number. Hope to hear from you soon!



Save the Dolphins and Whales!

I LOVE dolphins and whales. These animals are smart, friendly and playful. People today, go to marine parks just to see them do their funny antics. However, most people do not know what really happens in some marine parks.

Some marine parks cannot recreate the natural habitat of dolphins and whales. The tanks are too small. Dolphins and whales swim an average of 400 miles a day and dive 1640 feet. Artificial seawater can damage their eyes. These tanks also prevent them from using their sonar abilities. Second, marine parks rescue dolphins and whales from fishermen but they use and abuse them to earn cash. They do not care for these animals they just want to profit from them. Marine parks do not help in the conservation of marine animals. Conservation means to ensure that an animal's ability to survive in the wild is preserved, in the event that animal will be released. Some marine parks destroy the animal's ability to survive in the wild. Some marine parks are doing the opposite. Many dolphins and whales are suffering in marine parks. I hope that my article has enlightened your mind and encouraged you to do something. Save these creatures before it's too late.—**LOURDES CLAIRE DAVID**, 14, Miriam College High School, Quezon City

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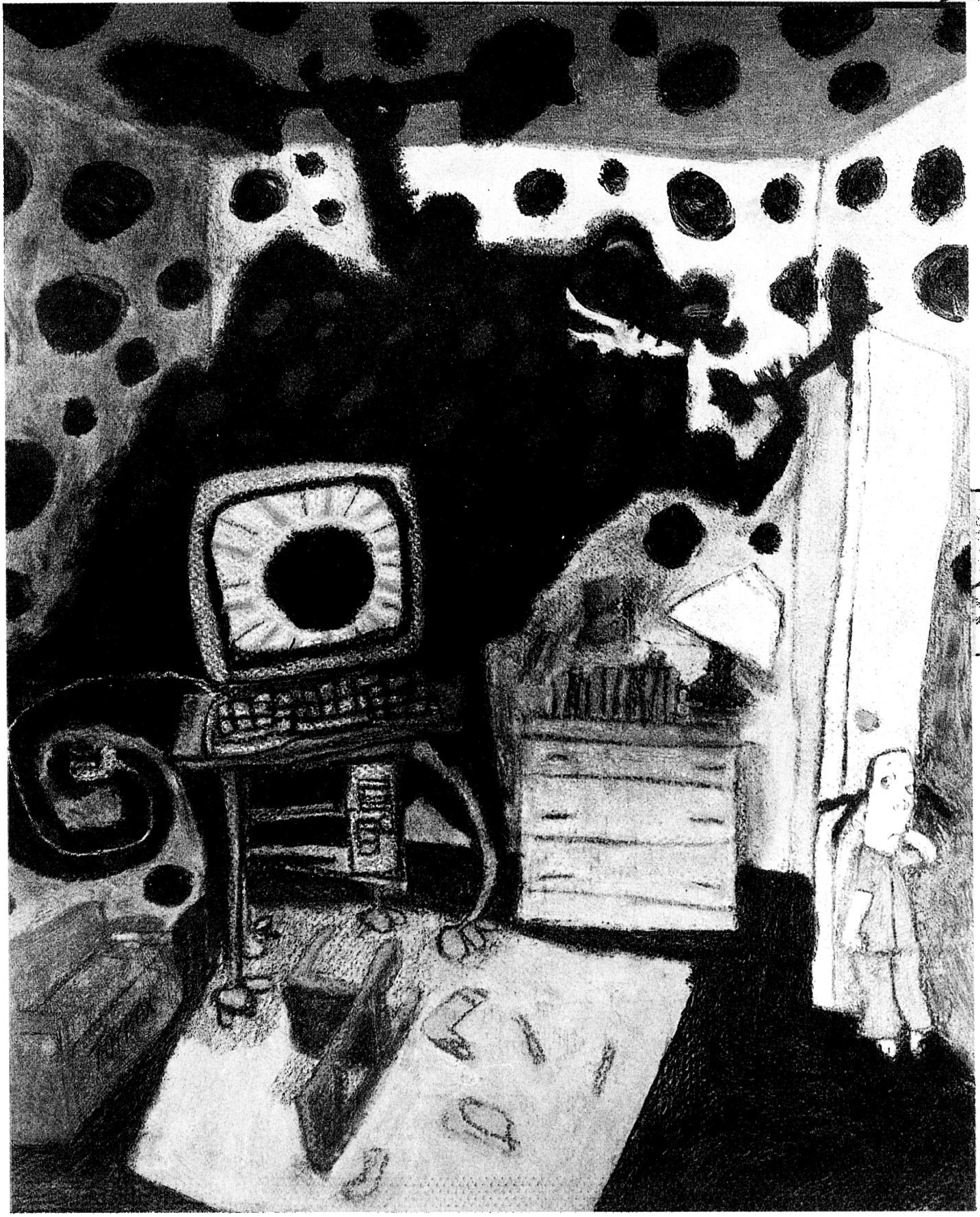

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s the computer greater than me?

By Joji Klarisse Mendoza | Art by Jason Moss

MOM and Dad bought a new computer. It was big, scary-looking thing but they said it would help us in hundreds of ways. I was thinking about how it would help *me*. What on earth can it do to help?

Mom cooked a special roasted chicken for dinner and I soon forgot all about the computer until I went to my room and to my horror: the great, big computer was there! I asked my mom if they could just move it to another room. But she said there wasn't much space. I looked at it again, and soon a big hole apeared on the screen. I soon realized it was laughing and saying rude words like "Go away, kid, for the greatest computer will outsmart you! Your parents wouldn't rely on you anymore, for I will help them on their problems while you stay alone!"

I woke up and suddenly realized I was only dreaming. But still I could hear the computer's cold and dark laughs. I screamed loudly, a light suddenly appeared.

"What's the matter dear?" Dad asked. Thank goodness [illegible] Dad came. I told them about the computer and about what it said.

"[illegible], you were only having a dream, sweetie, you can sleep in [illegible] bedroom now. And don't be scared, we'll teach you [illegible] operate it tomorrow," I heard Mom say.

The next morning, Mom and Dad took me to my room after breakfast. They taught me how to turn the computer on and how you can go to different files and make new folders. It was easy, I learned it soon enough. They left my room while I was playing a computer game.

I will make Mom and Dad a thank you letter, I thought. *They comforted me last night, and even taught me how to operate this thing. It's now the time I would pay them back.*

I made up my mind and went to Microsoft Word. As I typed my letter, red and green zigzagging lines underlined each word and sentence. Through a small hole in my door, I asked mom what it meant. She said the red ones were wrongly spelled and the green ones were wrong grammar. I turned to look at the computer and a hole appeared in it again. "You can't spell! That means I am greater than you! And you don't even know the right grammar!" and it laughed all the way until I got out of my room.

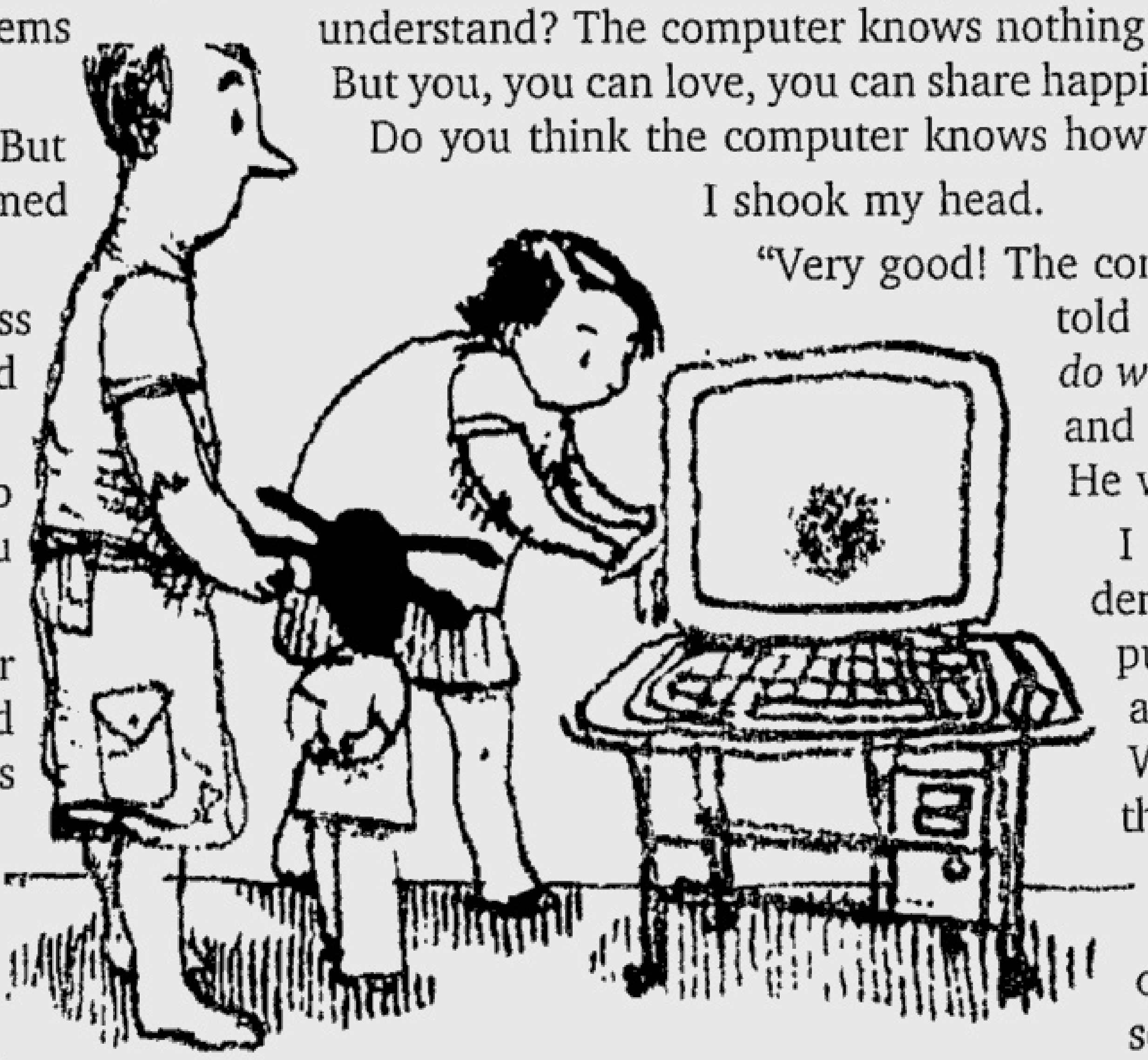
I was about to tell mom and dad what happened, but I reckoned they wouldn't believe me. I ate fried pork chops that night and went straight to my room.

The next morning, I decided to surf on the web instead of finishing my letter. I went to different sites, searching Harry Potter and stuff. It was fun, until mom called me out and said it was time for lunch.

We went to the movies and watched one about a Dracula. I could hardly sleep that night, so I decided that surfing on Christina Aguilera would cheer me up. I turned the computer on, and then I typed http://www.yahoo.com/ but the computer wouldn't listen. The hole came out again, and then said, "Are you crazy? Why would you turn me on? I'm sleeping, you know!" I felt like a ghost was telling me to not disturb him. It was very cold, and then after a moment's silence, the computer spoke to me again. "Don't you dare disturb me, for I am greater than you!" Then it turned off automatically.

I was trembling the next morning and I want to express my feelings to someone. "Dad?" I began. "Is the computer greater than me?" I gulped, waiting for my dad's answer. But to my surprise, Dad just chuckled and looked at me over his newspaper. "Of course not, Sweetie. Do you understand? The computer knows nothing but to do whatever it knows. But you, you can love, you can share happiness, and you can start peace. Do you think the computer knows how to do that?"

I shook my head.



"Very good! The computer does not know. Like I told you, *it knows nothing but to do what it knows*." Then he got up and kissed me on the forehead. He was right.

I went to my room and suddenly had an idea. "Hey, computer, wake up!" And a big hole appeared again. "What now? Want to test if you're still greater than me?" it said. I replied immediately, "Yes, I want to! My dad said that I could do other things like that. It screamed, and then the hole vanished. It became a perfectly normal computer ever since.

The End.

***Joji**, 11, is a fifth-grader at the University of the Philippines Integrated School, Diliman, Quezon City.*

***Jason** is a prolific illustrator and painter. His books include "Magnificent Benito and His Two Front Teeth," "Fish for Two," and "Huff and Grudge."*

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KENJI-POWER

Reads faster than a speeding bullet

SIX-YEAR-OLD Kenji Juanico stands out in class. And that's not because she has a Japanese name.

She's one of the smartest among a class of perky kindergarten kids at Covenant of Grace School in Fairview, Quezon City.

For starters, she's been voted the model student and can already write in script while her classmates write in block letters.

She would also make a beeline for books in the class' mini-library instead of going after the playing blocks. Her teacher, Eva Dantes, says she's the fastest reader in class.

This kid is also quite nationalistic. She absolutely loves singing our National Anthem "Lupang Hinirang."

Will you sing it for us Kenji? we ask.

She says "no."

Why not?

"Because we only sing it in the morning," she smiles.

With a report by Mae Astrid Tobias

Kids'r'rific

MY TURN.

Kenji is all smiles at the playground. She's 100-percent Pinoy. But her dad gave her the name because he worked in Japan for a few years.

R U 'RRIFIC?

'Rrific kids are smart
'Rrific kids are fun
Some aren't in the honors list
But get their homework done

Somehow the world's
a better place
I know this much is true
Hey 'Rrific kid!
We know you're there
We love you 'cause you're you!

If you think you're 'Rriffic' or know someone who is, fill out the nomination form below and send it to:

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Chosen nominees will be featured on this page and will get a free Junior Inquirer T-shirt!

Kid-'r'rrific

nomination form

I nominate: ____________________

Age: ____________________

I think she's/he's 'Rrific because: (Here's a tip! Write a detailed description of a good deed, project or accomplishment by your nominee.)

She/he lives at ____________________

and studies at ____________________

Her/his contact number is: ____________________

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Sender's Address: ____________________

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One COOL Ate

Meet one of the cool adults behind the kiddie show "5 and Up"

By Margaux Ortiz

DATAS NOOK. **Pictures of young and not-so-young friends pepper Data's workstation.**

Photos by ROGER CARPIO

SHE'S one of the cool adults behind the popular kids' program "5 and Up." Twenty-seven-year-old Daphne Tatiana Tolentino or *Ate* Data, as everyone calls her, has been working with "5 and Up" for five years now. But she still feels that every single day is still as fun as the first time she met the kid reporters and the rest of the show's crew.

"I remember the day I met all the kids from '5 and Up'," says *Ate* Data. "I was being introduced as the new producer during a general assembly and I noticed how much fun everybody was having. I wished at that moment that I could stay with these kids forever."

Ate Data is now the supervising producer of "5 and Up." She's in charge of overseeing the show, planning and running its day-to day operations, and getting and training new people. *Ate* Data also adds that interacting with the kids is the best part of her job.

Play at Work

"I'm fascinated with the fact that we change so much at ages 9-14," she relates. "We become more impressionable and inquisitive, and it's good that '5 and Up' captures all the things we were busy attending to during those growing up years."

Ate Data shares that they try their best to make everything fun for the kid reporters by making them feel that it's not work at all.

"We usually start late with the shoots because the kids play games with each other first," she smiles. "But we let them be because after all, they're kids and they readily give up their weekends just to do the show with us."

The producers and kids' relationship even goes beyond the show, says *Ate* Data. They go bowling and watch movies together whenever they have the time.

KIDS' PLAY (Center, front) Data clowns around with the other "5 and Up" producers.

"Sometimes I forget that I'm 8 years older than them," she laughs. "And I also forget that they're only 10 or 11 because they know so much and I learn a lot of things from them."

Ate Data adds that her experiences with "5 and Up" are different because they are all about telling stories from a kid's point of view. She says that she has to be a kid again and remove all her prejudices to be able to see new things and discoveries through a child's eyes.

"With the work I've done with the show, I realized that there is still a lot more things to do for kids in this country," shares *Ate* Data.

She stresses that they've made it their mission to get young people to think and let them speak up and express themselves.

Ate Data sees herself still working with kids in the future. "It's such a great thing to be with kids because you embrace everything there is about the world and help other people see the positive side of life the way they do."

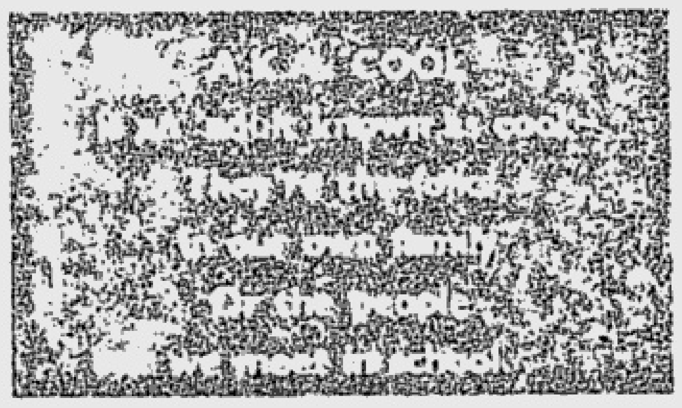
Do you know a grown-up who

- is fun to be with
- has an exciting job
- keeps an amazing hobby
- is all of the above???

If you know a grown-up whom all kids will love, give him or her the stamp:

A.K.A. COOL

Just fill out the nomination form below and tell us why your fave grown-up is the absolute coolest. If your nominee is chosen, ***YOU'LL*** *get a free JI T-shirt! Now that's really cool.*



I nominate ________________

He/She is _______ years old and is my ______________________.

Here are five super solid reasons why I think you should write about him/her:

1)________________________;

2)________________________;

3)________________________;

4)________________________;

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5)________________________.

My nominee lives at________________________

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Give him/her a call at __________ or send him/her an e-mail at________________________.

By the way, Im________________________.

I'm ______ years old.

My address is________________

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You may call me at__________

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¿ThinkathoN?
BY BONG BARRAMEDA

Literary Initials, Please

EVER wondered what those mysterious letters in the names of your favorite authors stand for? Well, time to find out with this week's literary test. In each number, choose which name or set of names corresponds to the famous initial or initials.

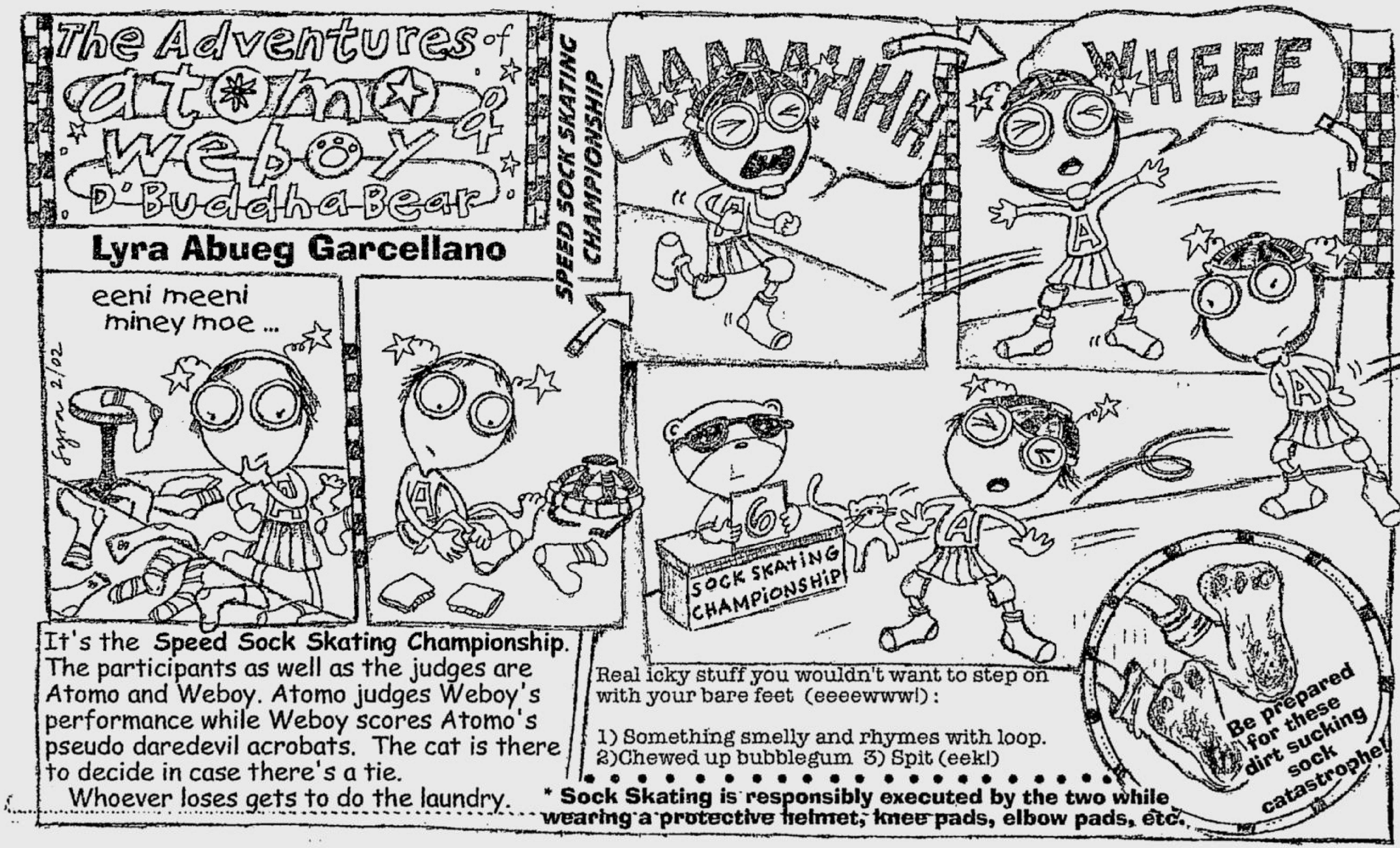
1. **J. R. R.** Tolkien ("The Lord of the Rings")
   - o John Ronald Reuel
   - o James Richard Robert
2. **J. K.** Rowling (Harry Potter books)
   - o Joanne Kathleen
   - o Jane Kelly
3. **N. V. M.** Gonzales ("The Bamboo Dancers")
   - o Nestor Vicente Madali
   - o Nicanor Vera Morales
4. **R. L.** Stine (Goosebumps books)
   - o Robert Lawrence
   - o Rupert Lewis
5. **F.** Sionil Jose ("The Pretenders")
   - o Fernando
   - o Francisco
6. **T. S.** Eliot ("The Wasteland")
   - o Terence Steven
   - o Thomas Stearns
7. Lope **K.** Santos ("Banaag at Sikat")
   - o Kilat
   - o Canseco
8. **A. A.** Milne ("Winnie the Pooh")
   - o Alan Alexander
   - o Arthur Aaron
9. Nestor **U.** Torre ("Magsimula Ka")
   - o Urbina
   - o Urdaneta
10. **L.** Frank Baum ("The Wonderful Wizard of Oz")
    - o Lyman
    - o Leonard
11. **C. S.** Lewis ("The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe")
    - o Clive Staples
    - o Conrad Spock
12. Jose **P.** Rizal ("Noli Me Tangere")
    - o Paciano
    - o Protacio

Answers :

1. John Ronald Reuel
2. Joanne Kathleen
3. Nestor Vicente Madali
4. Robert Lawrence
5. Francisco
6. Thomas Stearns
7. Canseco
8. Alan Alexander
9. Urbina
10. Lyman
11. Clive Staples
12. Protacio

Ratings :

11 - 12 .... Superbrain
8 - 10 ...... Good
5 - 9 ...... Fair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SPEED SOCK SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP
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SOCK SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP
Be prepared for these dirt sucking sock catastrophe!

It's the **Speed Sock Skating Championship**. The participants as well as the judges are Atomo and Weboy. Atomo judges Weboy's performance while Weboy scores Atomo's pseudo daredevil acrobats. The cat is there to decide in case there's a tie.

Whoever loses gets to do the laundry.

Real icky stuff you wouldn't want to step on with your bare feet (eeeewww!):

1) Something smelly and rhymes with loop.
2)Chewed up bubblegum 3) Spit (eek!)

*** Sock Skating is responsibly executed by the two while wearing a protective helmet, knee pads, elbow pads, etc.**

Rocking Our Rights!

By Mae Astrid Tobias

FINAL ANSWER? **Jenna, Delia and John in a huddle during the contest.**

Photos by ROGER CARPIO

DO YOU know your rights?

John Christopher Maulion, Jenna Teresa Hernandez and Lilia Cristina Sta. Maria Cruz of Dr. Alejandro Albert Elementary School in, Manila sure do.

How do we know?

Because they just won first place in the championship round of Mag-ROCK Tayo last Feb. 16 at the Museo Pambata! ROCK stands for Rights of the Child Kontest.

John Christopher, Jenna and Lilia said they were very happy they won the contest. They worked hard for several months with their coach, Mrs. Flordeliza Herrera. They were even nervous before going to the championship round.

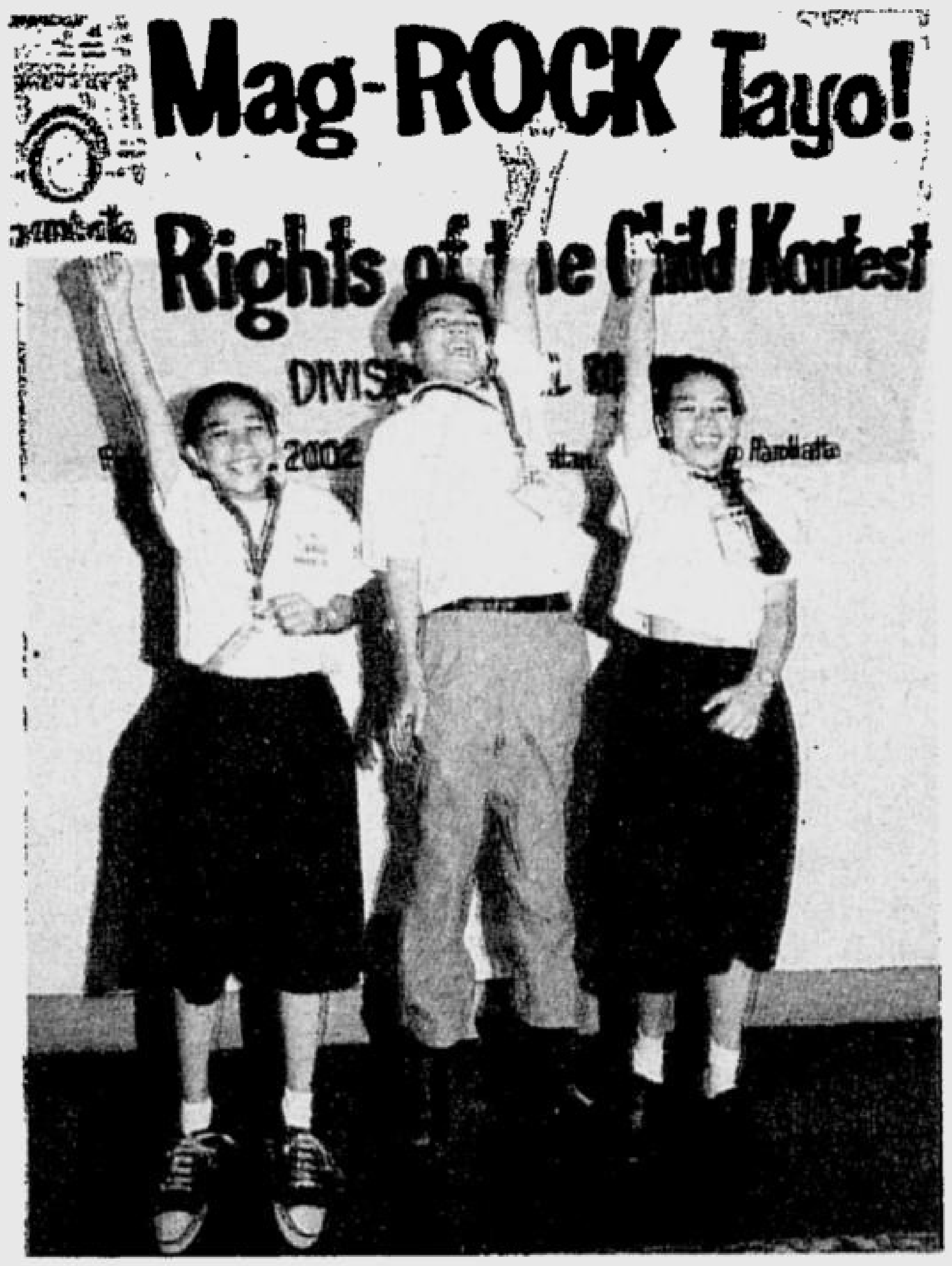
Mag-ROCK Tayo! is a quiz bee for Grade 5 public school students all over Manila City. To prepare for the contest, the contestants read the Unicef children's book series on the Convention of the Rights of the Child. That was where the questions were going to be based on.

" We went to the chapel to pray that we win," said Jenna and John Cristopher.

What is more important to them though is that they learned a lot about their rights.

"I learned that it's bad to hurt children," Lilia said. "And we should ask for help when we know that our friends are being hurt."

The other winners of the Mag-ROCK tayo were: 2nd place, Felipe G. Calderon Elementary School (Maralynne C. Angeles, Rubycena Chan, and Abigail Fernandez); 3rd place, Manuel L. Quezon Elementary School (Annabelle C. Bacani , Christoper P. San Ramon, Raymond P. Medina) and the Margarita Roxas de Ayala Elementary School (Janet M. Oronos, Jestine D. Samortin, Jonard B. Pangilinan).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What are your rights?

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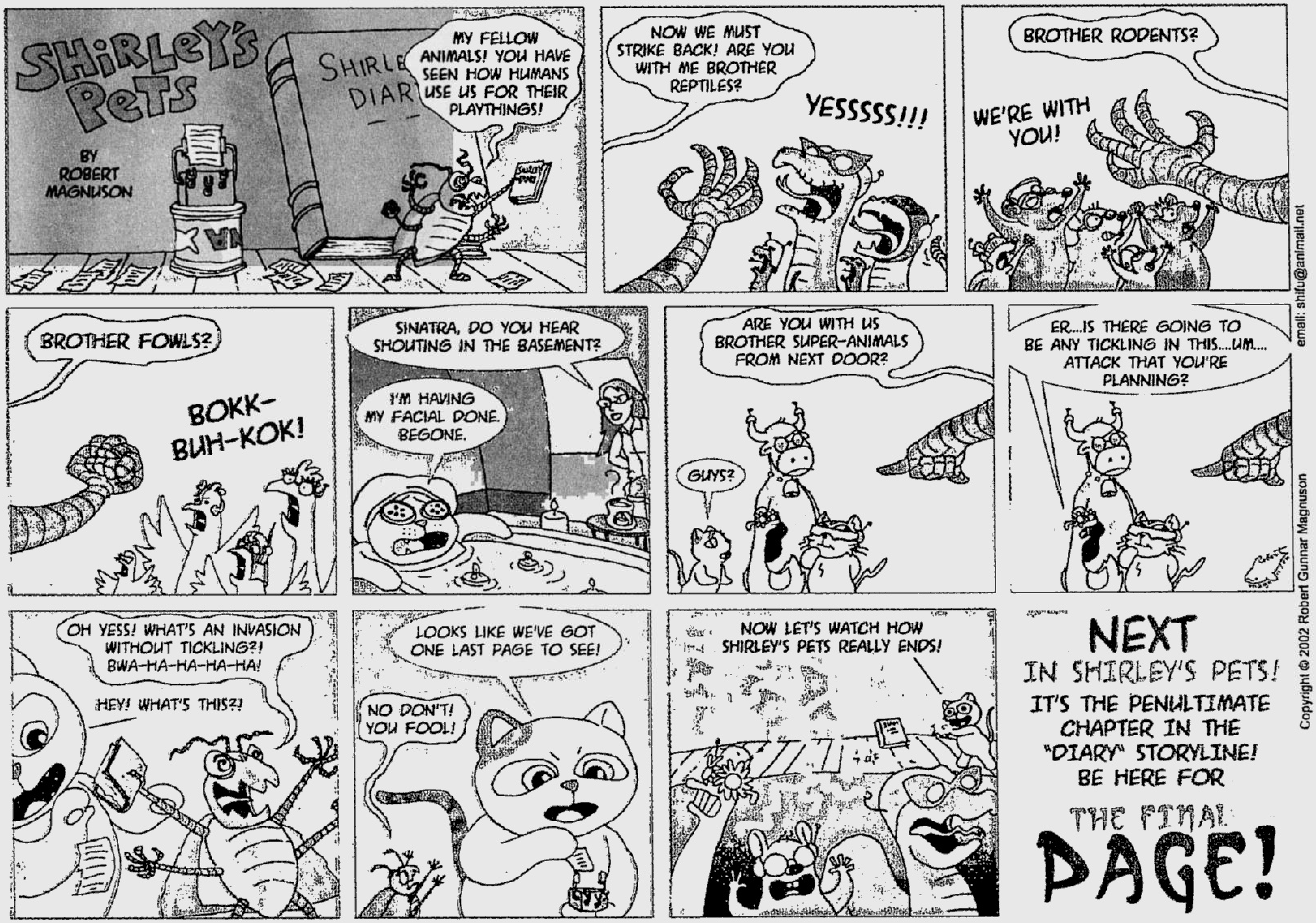
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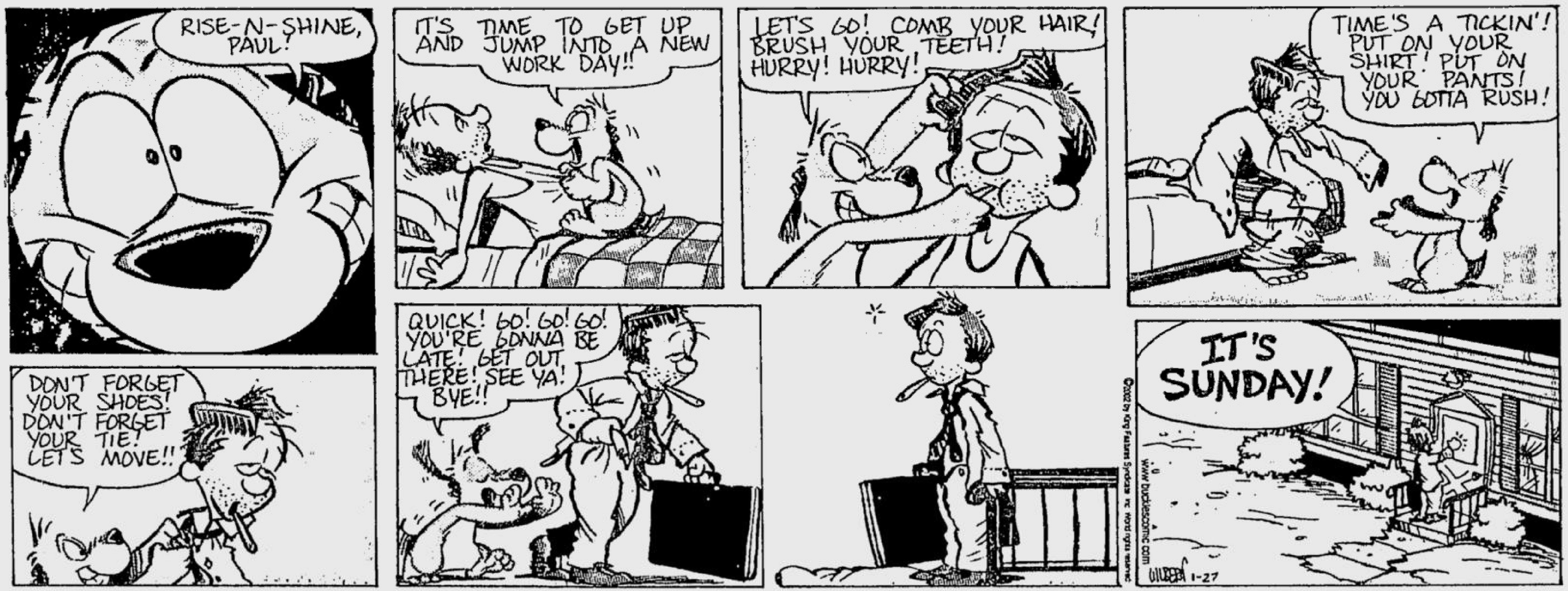
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No diamonds from Macapagal

By Tonette Orejas
PDI Central Luzon Desk

WALANG DIAMOND SA AMIN PERO MAKINANG ANG AMING PANGALAN!!

LUBAO, Pampanga—Except for the illustrious name—Macapagal—Pampanga Vice Gov. Juan Miguel "Mikey" Macapagal Arroyo said no heirlooms were forthcoming for his June 24 wedding from that side of the family.

"The Macapagals were so poor that my great-grandfather Urbano couldn't afford even to buy a meal," Mikey told the INQUIRER.

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- Independent Lucio Tan's daughter
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But several solons object to 'blackmail'

Exile for Erap or else . . .

By Juliet L. Javellana and Volt Contreras

JOSEPH Estrada's allies in Congress are pushing for his departure and possible exile in light of reports that his supporters have resumed agitation of urban poor communities.

But other lawmakers posed fierce objection to this proposal, arguing that exile was inappropriate for someone charged with plunder, and that the government should not be blackmailed into letting the detained ex-President leave the country.

Makati Rep. Agapito "Butz" Aquino yesterday said Estrada should be allowed to go as a way of preventing the "delicate" political situation from worsening.

He said the Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino, of which he is secretary general, would make a "recommendation" to the Sandiganbayan and Malacañang to grant Estrada's request to be allowed to seek medical treatment abroad.

"We will try to convince the Sandiganbayan that maybe it's good for the country and (will be) a gesture of reconciliation," Aquino told the INQUIRER.

Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr. said it was "not yet too late" for the government to let Estrada leave in order to "defuse the situation for the meantime."

Pimentel also noted that Estrada was "a master of the political arena much more than (President Macapagal-Arroyo)," and was "succeeding" in turning his legal battle into a political issue.

"The government must make its move immediately because it can cause destabilization," Pimentel said at the weekly Sulo Hotel media forum. "It should address the issue effectively. It is not yet too late."

But Davao Rep. Prospero Nograles, a member of the ruling Lakas, said: "You cannot

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Anti-polio campaign: A dose of commitment

(Editor's note: The second round of the polio immunization campaign began yesterday and will last until March 8. Health workers will be working flat out, as they did during the first round in February. Their enormous efforts to keep Filipino children safe from polio are described to INQUIRER readers by a staff member of the World Health Organization-Western Pacific Region.)

IT'S 11 a.m. and the heat is stifling in the narrow alleyways of Floodway Kabisig in Cainta.

Several health workers are making their way through the rough and twisted streets, as a string of curious children tag along.

As part of a "Balik Patak, Kontra Polio" immunization team, their job is to give every child under 5 years the oral polio vaccine.

The weeklong immunization campaign, taking place in two rounds, is targeting around 12 million children across the country.

It's a mammoth undertaking.

Consider flying in 36 million doses of vaccine from Europe, and then moving it across the central, provincial, municipal down to the barangay level. Reaching the children means taking the campaign to all markets, schools, homes and buildings.

For these barangay volunteers, who cover nearly 100 houses in a 10-hour day, the heat is the least of their problems.

Navigating this area—where some 40,000 people live on a kilometer-long strip of land flanking a river—is not always easy.

With houses packed cheek by jowl or sometimes even piled on top of each other, it's hard to see where one house begins and another ends. As many as four houses may be tightly squeezed into an area the size of a basketball court. And two or three families may live in each house.

Cainta is very heavily populated. The population has more than doubled

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ATTENTION, ERAP: "Under our law, you cannot get out of the court," President Macapagal makes a point for ex-President Estrada during the broadcast of "May Gloria ang Bukas Mo" at the UP, Los Baños, Laguna. *(Story on Page A18)* EDWIN BACASMAS

The tear-jerker was no movie

By Cathy Babao Guballa

SHARON Cuneta was only 12 years old when she recorded "Mr. DJ" which became a monster hit. It was the start of a career that would propel her to "megastar" status.

Clarisse Sambrano, who is 12 years old, loves to sing "Mr. DJ." She's a good singer. But a monstrous disease is ravaging her voice and her life.

On Wednesday, Clarisse and Sharon met. Softly, Sharon sang "Mr. DJ" close to Clarisse's ear as a hushed,

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MIKE ALQUINTO

WHEN Clarisse Sembrano meets her dream star, Sharon Cuneta who sings to her at the ABS-CBN studio.

Albay women spoil, honor 108-year-old great-grandmother

By Roly Embile
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

LEGAZPI CITY—Macaria Borlagdatan relished all the pampering, attention and accolade heaped on her by younger women folk on Friday, the start of the celebration of Women's Month in the province.

She was the center of attention, was paraded around the city, and was fed and attended to by women who saw to her every comfort during the event sponsored by the provincial government.

Generously praised, lavished with gifts and given a plaque officially recognizing her as the oldest living woman in Albay, the 108-year-old Borlagdatan from San Isidro-Iraya, Malilipot, Albay, seemed more dazed than pleased.

She was given the sole privi-

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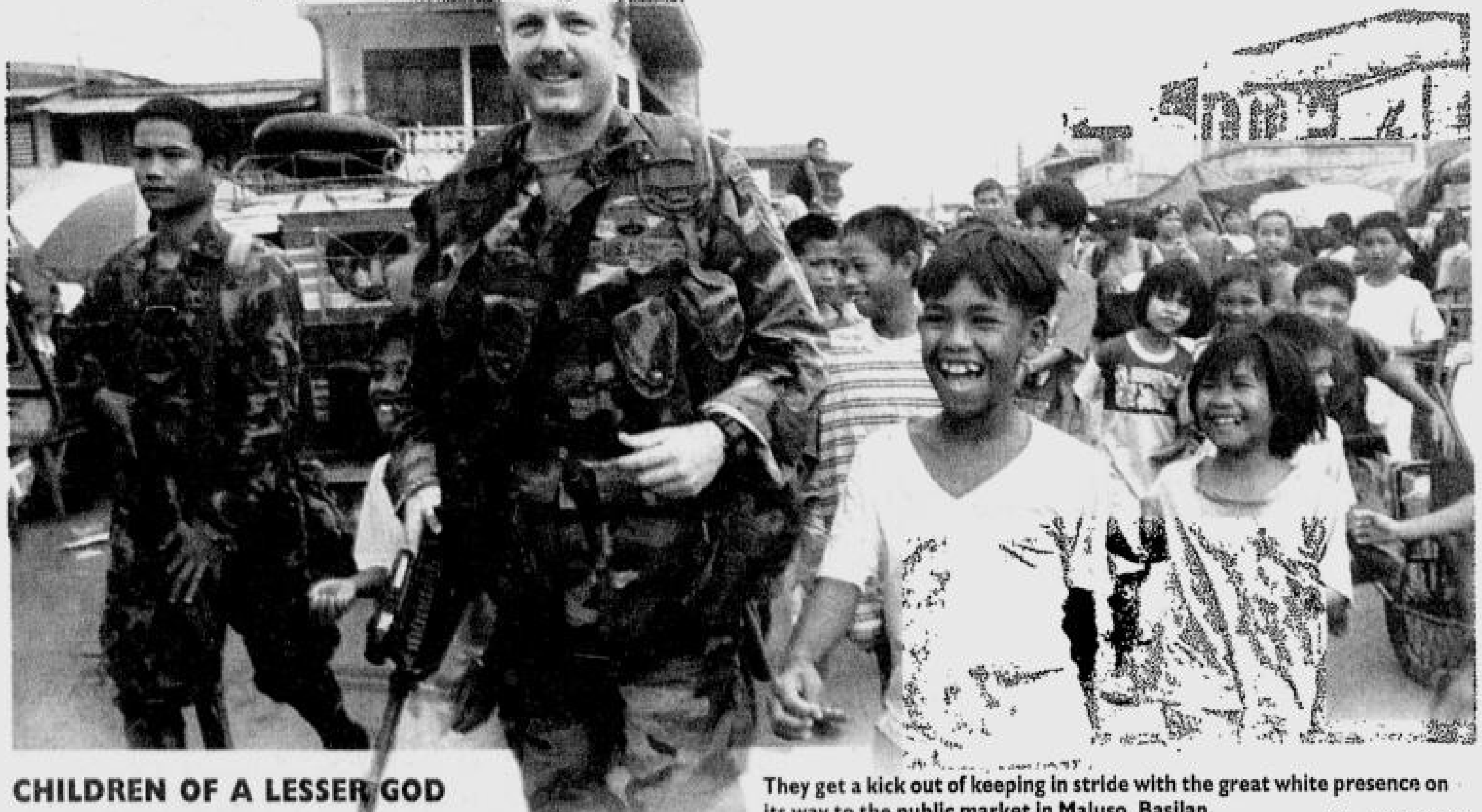
MACARIA BORLAGDATAN: Albay's oldest, and counting.



CHILDREN OF A LESSER GOD

They get a kick out of keeping in stride with the great white presence on its way to the public market in Maluso, Basilan. VAL HANDUMON

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He said the MILF was a legitimate organization that "adheres and will always adhere to the internationally accepted norm of warfare based on the various Geneva Conventions, and above all on the Islamic teachings that non-combatants, especially children, women, the aged, monks, priests, are not the objects of war." ***With a report from Allan A. Nawal, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

A ploy, AFP calls Abu surrender feelers

By TJ Burgonio

MILITARY officials yesterday downplayed reports some Abu Sayyaf commanders had sent surrender feelers, saying this could be a ploy by the terrorist leaders to divert military rescue operations away from them and from the three hostages they are holding.

Gen. Diomedio Villanueva, Armed Forces chief of staff, also bristled at the Abu Sayyaf leaders' alleged demand that they be granted amnesty in exchange for releasing American missionary couple Martin and Gracia Burnham and Filipino nurse Ediborah Yap.

"You see it could be a ploy. As I've said, they should first release the hostages before we negotiate their surrender," Villanueva told reporters. "They should not be placing any conditions. They're trying to fool us."

If they yield, they should be prosecuted, Villanueva said of the Abu Sayyaf leaders.

He was reacting to reports that Aldam Tilao, better known as Abu Sabaya, the spokesperson for the bandit group, and another leader, Isnilun Hapilon, had offered to yield to authorities.

Army spokesperson Lt. Col. Jose Mabanta said the bandit leaders' offer to surrender was not unexpected in the wake of the long-drawn out military pursuit operations against them.

"We expected such a move. There is no way out for him (Sabaya). It's either he surrenders or dies," Mabanta said.

Villanueva voiced renewed optimism the Burnham couple and Yap would be rescued soon. "It's just a matter of time before we rescue them. We should consider the safety of the hostages," he said.

In a related story, the family of Roland Ulla, who was kidnapped by the Abu Sayyaf in Sipadan, Malaysia, in 2000, assailed the government for saying Ulla had joined the kidnapped group.

The military had earlier said that Ulla, 43, was serving as a "gofer" for Abu Sayyaf leaders Ghalib Andang, better known as Commander Robot, and Mujiv Susukan.

Joy Ulla, Roland's wife, said her husband is a responsible man who thought only of his family.

"Roland is a very good husband. I don't think he would prefer to join the Abu Sayyaf and abandon us. He had been a very responsible father to my son," Joy said.

Romy Ulla, the hostage's brother, said their family cannot believe Roland has joined the bandit group.

He said the military's allegations could be reflective of the government's unwillingness to rescue his brother. ***With Julie S. Alipala, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

Dante Ang next press secretary?

DANTE Ang, the President's personal publicist and owner of The Manila Times, has suddenly loomed as a contender for the next press secretary.

But he said he was strongly endorsing Philippine Daily Inquirer publisher Isagani M. Yambot for the post instead. "Yambot would fit the job," Ang was reported to have said. Yambot refused to comment.

Ang yesterday relinquished his post as publisher of The Manila Times but remains as chair and president of the company.

He has denied, however, being interested in the job currently held by Noel Cabrera. Cabrera last week told President Macapagal-Arroyo that he wanted to take another post in government.

Pleading "burnout," Cabrera admitted, however, that Ang sometimes interfered with his job. He has reportedly been appointed ambassador to Romania.

Ang insisted yesterday, "I'm not going to be the press secretary. I have no intention of becoming a press secretary."

Aside from Ang, presidential spokesperson Rigoberto Tiglao was reportedly also being eyed for the job.

Like Ang, Tiglao said he was not seeking the post. ***Dona Z. Pazzibugan***

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He said the MILF was a legitimate organization that "adheres and will always adhere to the internationally accepted norm of warfare based on the various Geneva Conventions, and above all on the Islamic teachings that non-combatants, especially children, women, the aged, monks, priests, are not the objects of war." *With a report from Allan A. Nawal, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

A ploy, AFP calls Abu surrender feelers

By TJ Burgonio

MILITARY officials yesterday downplayed reports some Abu Sayyaf commanders had sent surrender feelers, saying this could be a ploy by the terrorist leaders to divert military rescue operations away from them and from the three hostages they are holding.

Gen. Diomedio Villanueva, Armed Forces chief of staff, also bristled at the Abu Sayyaf leaders' alleged demand that they be granted amnesty in exchange for releasing American missionary couple Martin and Gracia Burnham and Filipino nurse Ediborah Yap.

"You see it could be a ploy. As I've said, they should first release the hostages before we negotiate their surrender," Villanueva told reporters. "They should not be placing any conditions. They're trying to fool us."

If they yield, they should be prosecuted, Villanueva said of the Abu Sayyaf leaders.

He was reacting to reports that Aldam Tilao, better known as Abu Sabaya, the spokesperson for the bandit group, and another leader, Isnilun Hapilon, had offered to yield to authorities.

Army spokesperson Lt. Col. Jose Mabanta said the bandit leaders' offer to surrender was not unexpected in the wake of the long-drawn out military pursuit operations against them.

"We expected such a move. There is no way out for him (Sabaya). It's either he surrenders or dies," Mabanta said.

Villanueva voiced renewed optimism the Burnham couple and Yap would be rescued soon. "It's just a matter of time before we rescue them. We should consider the safety of the hostages," he said.

In a related story, the family of Roland Ulla, who was kidnapped by the Abu Sayyaf in Sipadan, Malaysia, in 2000, assailed the government for saying Ulla had joined the kidnapped group.

The military had earlier said that Ulla, 43, was serving as a "gofer" for Abu Sayyaf leaders Ghalib Andang, better known as Commander Robot, and Mujiv Susukan.

Joy Ulla, Roland's wife, said her husband is a responsible man who thought only of his family.

"Roland is a very good husband. I don't think he would prefer to join the Abu Sayyaf and abandon us. He had been a very responsible father to my son," Joy said.

Romy Ulla, the hostage's brother, said their family cannot believe Roland has joined the bandit group.

He said the military's allegations could be reflective of the government's unwillingness to rescue his brother. *With Julie S. Alipala, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

Dante Ang next press secretary?

DANTE Ang, the President's personal publicist and owner of The Manila Times, has suddenly loomed as a contender for the next press secretary.

But he said he was strongly endorsing Philippine Daily Inquirer publisher Isagani M. Yambot for the post instead. "Yambot would fit the job," Ang was reported to have said. Yambot refused to comment.

Ang yesterday relinquished his post as publisher of The Manila Times but remains as chair and president of the company.

He has denied, however, being interested in the job currently held by Noel Cabrera. Cabrera last week told President Macapagal-Arroyo that he wanted to take another post in government.

Pleading "burnout," Cabrera admitted, however, that Ang sometimes interfered with his job. He has reportedly been appointed ambassador to Romania.

Ang insisted yesterday, "I'm not going to be the press secretary. I have no intention of becoming a press secretary."

Aside from Ang, presidential spokesperson Rigoberto Tiglao was reportedly also being eyed for the job.

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President Macapagal-Arroyo axed her weekly program, "May Gloria ang Bukas Mo," yesterday, its 19th show. The hour-long television and radio show lasted five months on the air.

Ms Macapagal last week complained the program had become inconvenient for her, its crew and the guests.

She also admitted the program was not as effective as she had hoped it would be.

"Considering the effort (we put into it), there might be better ways to communicate," she said.

But Malacañang, it seems, has not given up on the idea of another show for the President.

The next program will reportedly have a new and "exciting" format. It will also run shorter.

"May Gloria ang Bukas Mo," which started airing in October, was reportedly the brainchild of Dante Ang, the President's personal publicist. It was aired simultaneously over the ANC cable network and government Channels 4 and 13, as well as dzMM and Radyo ng Bayan.

Each week, different broadcasters interviewed the President and selected government officials on various issues.

"If it were just me, it's OK. But if you have to bring the whole crew and all the guests (it's inconvenient)," the President had complained. *Dona Pazzibugan*

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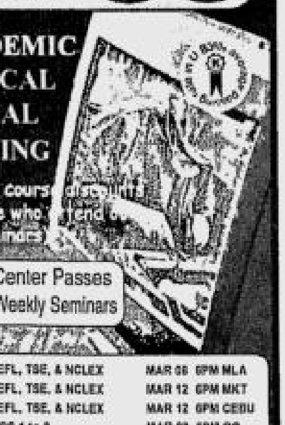

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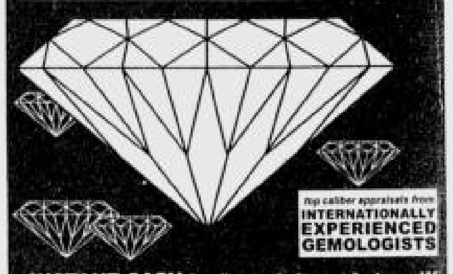

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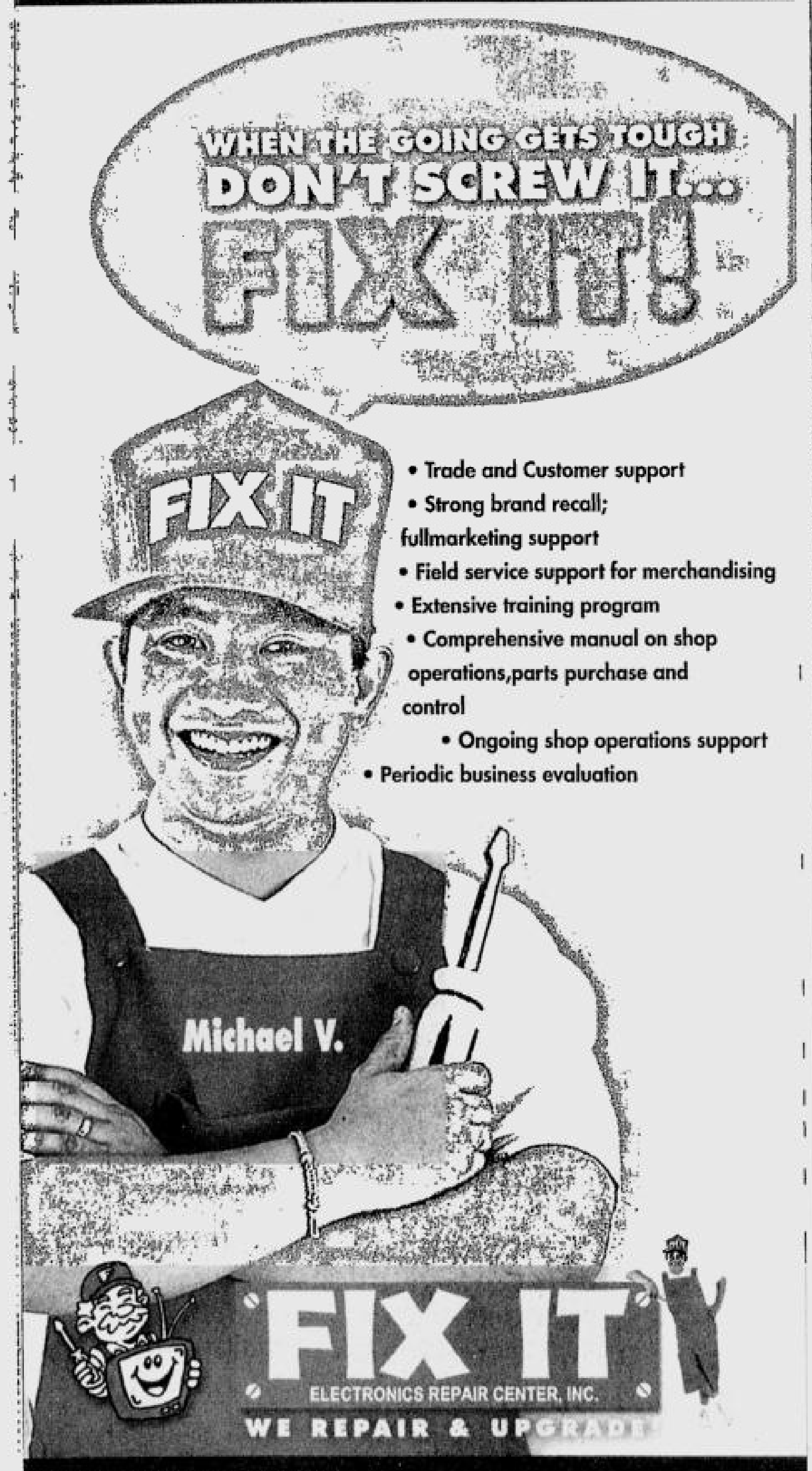
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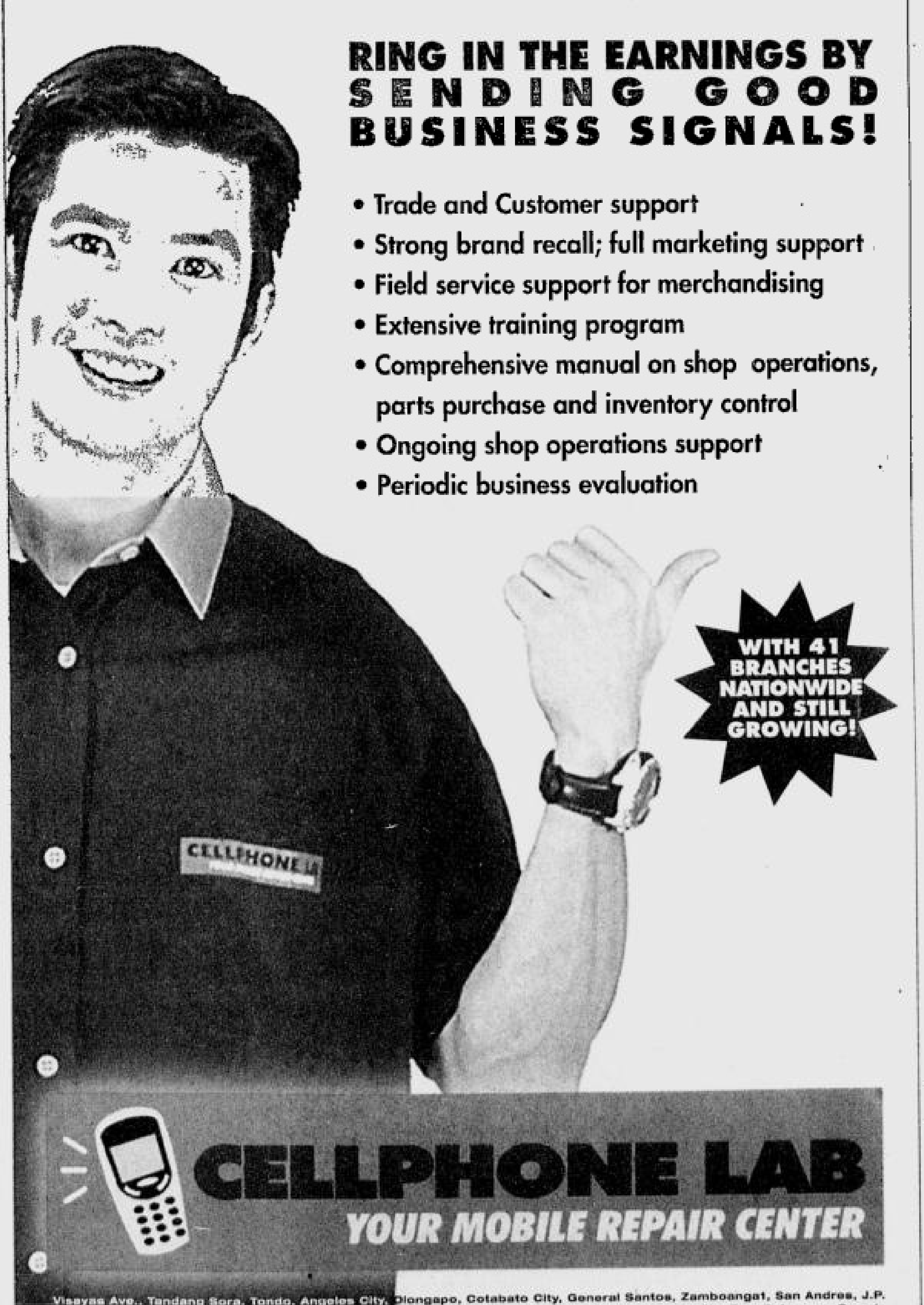
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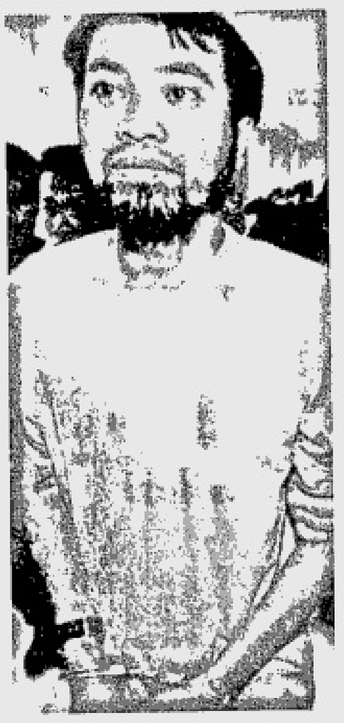
Was al-Qaida leader in Manila for Rizal Day bombings?

By Michael Lim Ubac


AL-GHOZI

THE SELF-CONFESSED Indonesian terrorist Fathur Rahman al-Ghozi, who has reportedly claimed responsibility for the bloody Dec. 30, 2000 bombings in Metro Manila, was working with a top al-Qaida leader when he planned and executed the mayhem.

In fact, al-Ghozi reportedly claimed the suspected terrorist, a radical Muslim preacher he identified as Riduan Isamuddin, 36, also known as Hambali, was in Manila in December 2000.

Al-Ghozi's allegations turned the Department of Justice's focus on the terrorist group Jemaah Islamiyah (JI), which is considered the al-Qaida network in Southeast Asia.

The Indonesian-born and Islamic-schooled Isamuddin had been tagged by Malaysian authorities as the principal JI operative in Southeast Asia.

A DOJ six-man panel, which is conducting the preliminary investigation into the criminal charges lodged by the Philippine National Police against al-Ghozi, will further question the Indonesian.

Al-Ghozi, reputedly an explosives expert, was nabbed by authorities on Jan. 15. His arrest led to the seizure of a ton of TNT, 17 M-16 rifles, 300 detonators and other bomb-making apparatus in a house rented by al-Ghozi in General Santos City in Mindanao. The cache of explosives was capable of leveling a block of buildings.

The arrest came three hours before al-Ghozi was to leave Manila for Bangkok.

It was believed the discovered weapons were meant for delivery to other Southeast Asian nations like Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia.

A Feb. 6, 2002 Asia Times Online story, "The Osama bin Laden and al-Qaida of Southeast Asia," said it had confirmed that al-Ghozi was "Mike," who in October had slipped into Singapore to help JI members prepare for truck bombings.

He was reportedly also "Randy Ali" of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front special operations group. His involvement in bombings in Indonesia is still under investigation.

In a Feb. 16 affidavit submitted to the DOJ early this week, al-Ghozi claimed that Hambali was here in the country in December 2000. He, however, failed to describe the exact role Hambali played in the Dec. 30, 2000 bombings.

In the same confession, al-Ghozi allegedly admitted he and three others planned the bombings in Marawi City in retaliation for the "all-out" war of the Estrada administration against the Moros. He said he did not mean to hurt innocent civilians.

With the arrest of al-Ghozi, along with other arrests in Singapore and Malaysia over the past two months, the DOJ panel suspects a far more extensive and better organized al-Qaida-linked Islamic terror network has been operating in Southeast Asia.

But the DOJ panel led by State Prosecutor Peter Ong has yet to connect the Rizal Day bombings to the JI and not to the political upheaval occurring in the country at the time.

JI is a regional terrorist organization whose goal is to create Daulah Islamiyah, an Islamic state encompassing southern Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia and the southern Philippines.

Its leader, according to Singaporean and Malaysian security officials, is Indonesian cleric Abu Bakar Ba'asyir (Bashir), 63, who is being portrayed as the Osama bin Laden of Southeast Asia, said Asia Times Online.

The Asia Times reported that in the mid-1980s, like Abu Bakar Ba'asyir, al-Ghozi fled to Malaysia to escape a Suharto-ordered crackdown on Islamic militancy. In 1987, he went to Afghanistan to fight against the Soviet occupation forces. "When he returned in 1990, he began preaching at radical mosques around Malaysia, soon met with like-minded Abu Bakar and Abdullah Sungkar, and later became the operations chief of JI and its main contact man and point man for al-Qaida in Southeast Asia."

The Asia Times said authorities in Singapore have ascertained that soon after the start of the US bombing campaign in Afghanistan, Hambali guided the execution of a JI and al-Qaida plan to drive trucks loaded with fertilizer (ammonium nitrate) bombs into the US, Australian, British and Israeli embassies in Singapore.

RP tops in amphetamine abuse, int'l drugs body says

By TJ Burgonio

THE ABUSE of amphetamine-type stimulants (ATS) like shabu has increased in the Philippines even as opium, codeine and heroin use has gone down in some East and Southeast Asian countries, according to a report by an international drug regulatory body.

The International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) said that shabu, or methamphetamine hydrochloride, has become "the most popular drug of abuse" in the Philippines, but did not cite any statistics.

The region's authorities "continue to make significant seizures" of ephedrine, a substance used in the illicit manufacture of ATS, the INCB said in its 2001 report released last Tuesday at an international conference on drugs at the foreign affairs department.

Dr. Sandro Calvani, the United Nations drug control program representative for Southeast Asia and the Pacific, made the same observation in a report, "Regional Drug Control Profile for Southeast Asia and the Pacific," that he delivered at the conference.

"Crystal methamphetamine is the favored drug for consumption in the Philippines," he said, adding that 10 percent of the population was drug-dependent.

Police Director Efren Fernandez, chief of the Narcotics Group, agreed with the INCB and Calvani's findings. He attributed shabu's popularity among local drug users to its "mass appeal."

"It's made for the masses; it's much cheaper than Ecstasy," he said, referring to the drug of choice at nightclubs and parties.

The INCB said there were indications that shabu, also known as "ice," was being illegally manufactured in the country, noting the discovery and dismantling of two large clandestine drug laboratories last year in Batangas and in Pasig City that were secretly manufacturing huge quantities of the illegal substance.

Most of the shabu available in the country is being smuggled in from South China and other neighboring countries, but some of it is now being produced here, said Calvani.

Calvani said the production of shabu here was a growing problem, adding that the Philippines now exports the drug to Japan, Australia, Korea, the United States, Guam and Spain.

"The Philippines continues to serve as a transit point and producer of crystal methamphetamine," Calvani said.

Fernandez maintained, however, that the Philippines neither produces shabu in large quantities nor exports the drug to other countries.

"We don't grow ephedra, the main ingredient for the manufacture of shabu. We're just being used as a transit point because of our strategic location," he said in a phone interview.

But he did not discount the possibility that shabu was being produced locally, noting the number of clandestine laboratories that had been detected and dismantled.

A number of clandestine shabu laboratories had been detected since the late 1980s, said Calvani.

"These clandestine laboratories are a big puzzle to us. We wouldn't know if there is any still operating in the country unless barangay residents report this to us. That's why we need the cooperation of everybody," Fernandez said.

Last month, the NarcGroup raided a high-tech shabu laboratory in a middle-class neighborhood of San Juan, which was believed to have been operating for the past five years. Some P500 million worth of shabu was seized in the raid.

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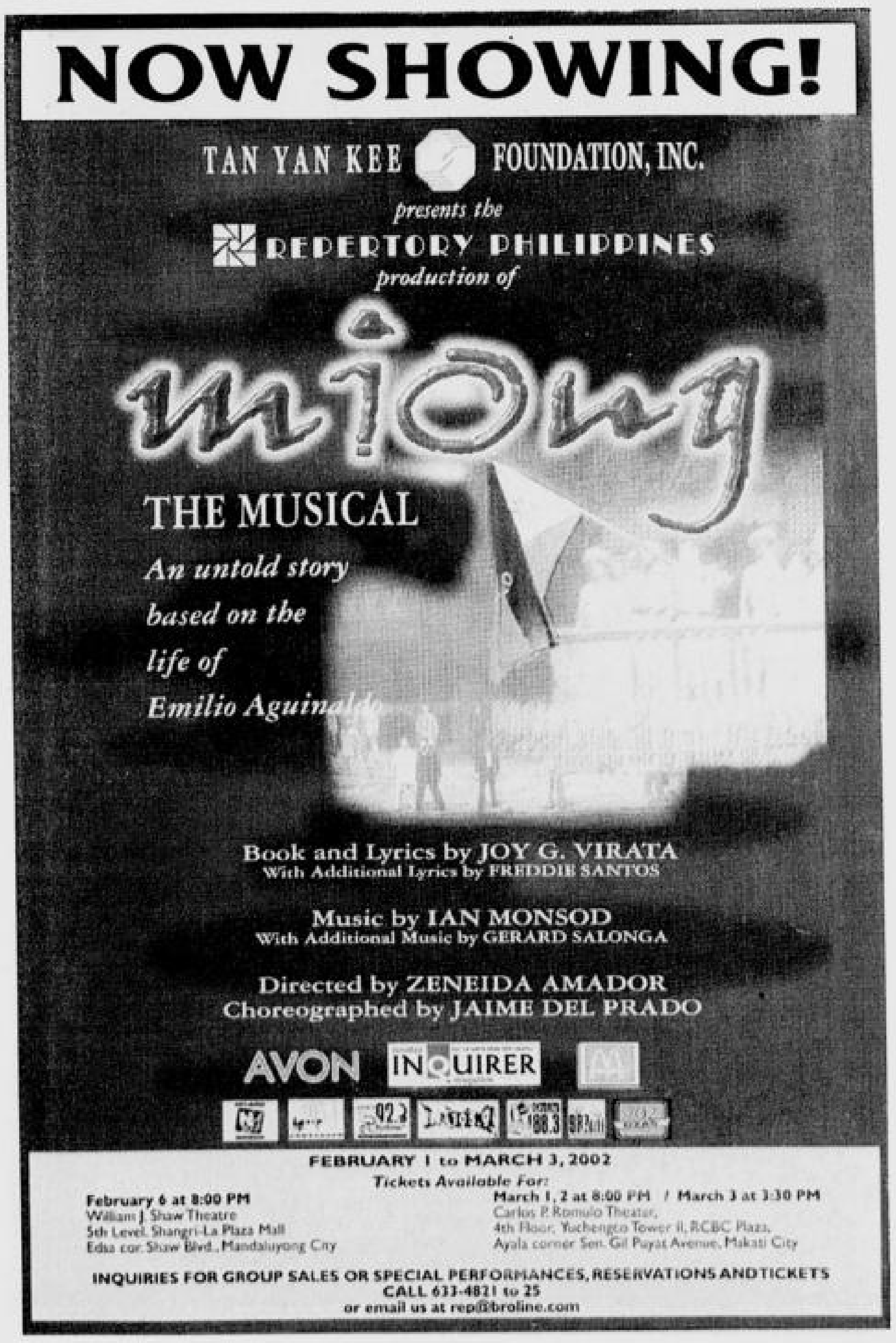
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Pinoys in Sabah get consular help ahead of deportation

By N. Bordadora

THE DEPARTMENT of Foreign Affairs has stepped up its consular operations in Sabah to provide undocumented Filipinos there with Philippine passports and prevent their arrest in the latest crackdown by Malaysian authorities on illegal aliens.

Malaysian officials had described the number of illegals in their midst as "quite alarming."

"We have been sending consular teams to Sabah to track down undocumented Filipinos and provide them with valid Philippine passports—it is the basic document they would need to be fully documented in Malaysia," said Assistant Secretary Victoriano Lecaros, DFA spokesperson.

Filipinos and Indonesians particularly have been the target of the crackdown.

"The consular teams will track down Filipinos in Sabah to give them the opportunity to be documented. Many of them were documented until their immigration papers and travel documents expired, and they failed to get new ones," Lecaros said.

The DFA in Manila estimates there are more than 2,400 illegal aliens in Sabah. Lecaros said roughly one third of the number, or about 800, were Filipinos.

"We are constantly coordinating with Malaysian authorities to make sure those they deport to the Philippines are really Filipinos. It is quite difficult at times to ascertain, especially since many of our countrymen have lived there for years," Lecaros said.

"They could actually pass for Malaysians. It's just that they do not have IC numbers, the number given to a Malaysian at birth. It is some kind of a national ID system—something that we do not have," Lecaros added.

The stepped up consular services came in the wake of Vice President and Foreign Secretary Teofisto Guingona's call on the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to come up with stricter measures against people trafficking in the region.

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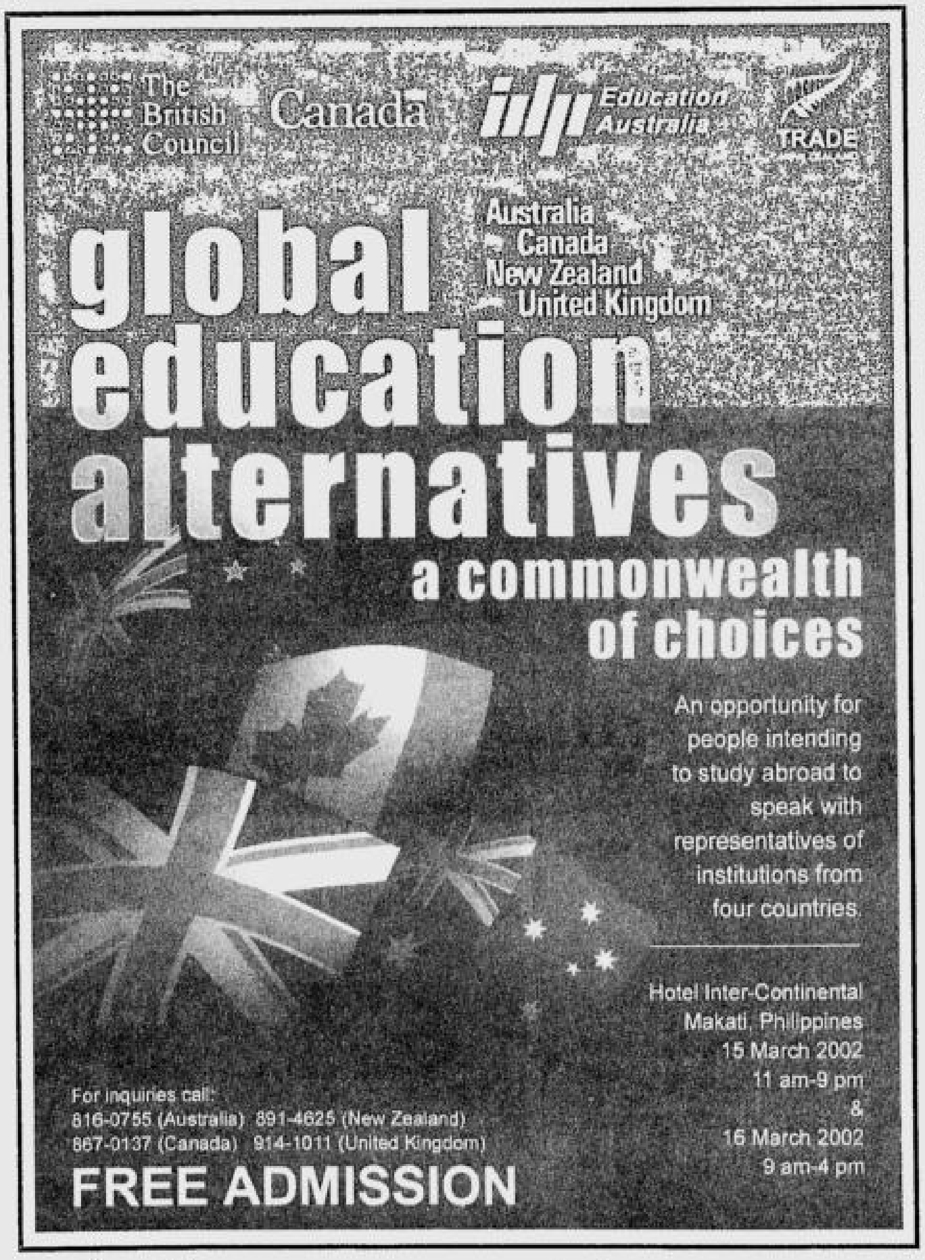

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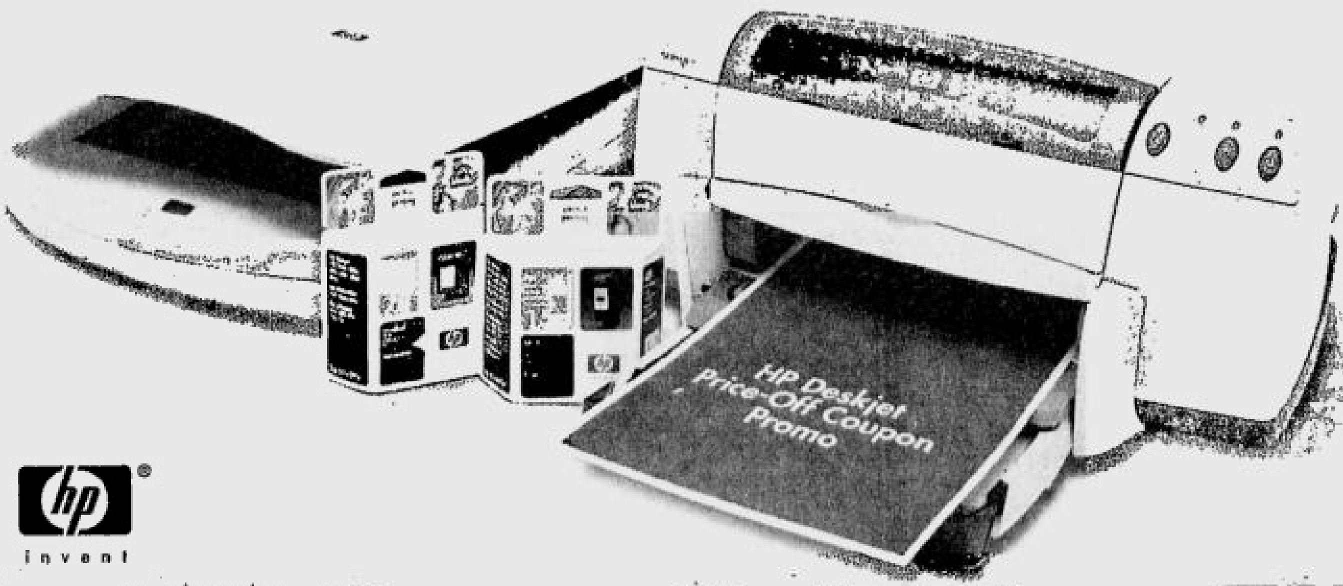

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Trafficking of Pinays going on in Mindanao and S. Korea, says NGO

By Agnes E. Donato

FILIPINO women are not only being trafficked for United States troops deployed in Mindanao for the Balikatan exercises, but also for US troops in South Korea, a non-government organization said yesterday.

Migrante International, an alliance of overseas Filipino workers, reported yesterday that there were now about 3,000 Filipino prostitutes in bars close to the US bases in South Korea.

"In these clubs, the women wear either skimpy clothing or nothing at all. If the customer wishes, he could also take the women out for the night," said Maita Santiago, Migrante International executive committee member.

Santiago said these migrant sex workers were recruited and sent to South Korea using the E6 tourist visa.

She also cited a survey conducted by the Saewoomtuh or Sprouting Land Center for Prostituted Women in South Korea, which showed that almost 85 percent of the entertainers in the country were Filipinos.

In 1994, there were about 250 Filipina sex workers in South Korea, but this number shot up to 1,365 by 1997.

"Our historical experience proves that Filipino women have repeatedly been treated as "comfort women" by US and other foreign military troops. We see it happening now in South Korea. Even in Mindanao, there are reports of Filipino women being trafficked into areas where the US soldiers are stationed," Santiago said.

Emmi de Jesus of the militant women's group Gabriela said that prostitution proliferates in Zamboanga despite President Macapagal's claim that it is prohibited in areas where the Balikatan exercises were being staged.

De Jesus claimed that the Talikala Inc., an institution helping victims of prostitution, had documented 36 cases of women who had been recruited in Davao City to work as maids, waitresses and entertainers in bars in Zamboanga City.

Women as young as 13 years old were reportedly promised free plane tickets, pocket money and a huge dollar income.

"We condemn the rape of women hostages by the Abu Sayyaf as much as we strongly condemn Ms Macapagal-Arroyo for allowing the rape of our women and sovereignty by the US troops through the Balikatan 02-1," De Jesus said.

The President said yesterday that US troops taking part in the Balikatan exercises were barred from seeing local prostitutes.

"They cannot procure the services of prostitutes. That prohibition is explicit," Ms Macapagal said in a television interview seeking to allay fears over the social impact of some 660 US troops in Mindanao.

Ms Macapagal said US soldiers had taken part in guided tours and met local folks at parties but stressed "they danced with the matrons of Zamboanga city," not prostitutes.

The US troops are deployed in the south to help the Philippine military in their hunt for the Abu Sayyaf kidnapping group, an armed band suspected of having links to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network.

The Abu Sayyaf are holding a US missionary couple and a Filipina nurse hostage in their stronghold of Basilan, near the southern city of Zamboanga.

A total of 160 US Special Forces troops are now deployed in the jungle-clad Basilan helping train local troops to hunt the Abu Sayyaf.

Leftist and opposition groups have condemned the US deployment, charging that it will violate the country's sovereignty and will encourage prostitution.

Meanwhile, Bayan Muna Rep. Liza Maza revealed that 12 sex trafficking cases had been brought to her attention, five of which involved minors.

"Six of these women were made to pay as much as P130,000 as placement fee in exchange for contracts as factory trainees in South Korea. They were told by agents of the Good Time Travel and Tours that they could earn as much as US$600 a month," Maza related.

But a certain Mr. Tashin reportedly met them at the Inchon airport in South Korea and brought them to a bar called the "American Club" which was located near the Camp Stanley, a military installation in Korea.

There, they were made to dance in skimpy clothing while customers touched them in sensitive body parts.

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US Special Forces "grunt" gives the thumbs-up while on mobile patrol in Basilan, unmindful perhaps of the ban on fraternizing with the local women that has been imposed on visiting soldiers like him and his comrade (below) who is on foot patrol in Isabela, also in Basilan. VAL HANDUMON

Loren Legarda loses baby

By Leah Salterio

SEN. Loren Legarda, who would have made history as the first sitting senator to give birth while in office, suffered a miscarriage Friday evening.

Legarda, 42, was eight weeks pregnant. She would have given birth in October.

"I believe it was God's will," Legarda told the INQUIRER in a phone interview last night.

"I put everything in God's hands. He gives and He also takes," she said.

The senator, who is married to a former governor of Batangas, Antonio Leviste, said her doctor had advised her to take to bed after her fifth week when she experienced some spotting.

"That's why two weeks ago, I took a leave from the Senate," Legarda said.

But she went to work last Wednesday to cast her vote on the amended Dangerous Drugs Act.

Legarda said she had an ultrasound test a week ago and was told that the baby had fetal cardiac activity.

"It had a heartbeat, that's why we were happy," she said.

But she started bleeding last Friday and had to be taken to hospital.

"And then I was told that the baby no longer had a heartbeat," she said.

Legarda experienced labor pains throughout the night of Friday.

"There's nothing I could have done. I complied with everything that my doctor told me to do. I took a rest, took all the medicines," Legarda said.

NPA threat to try four doesn't faze AFP

By TJ Burgonio

MILITARY officials yesterday belittled the New People's Army's threat to resume the trial of four captives in its custody in the wake of President Macapagal-Arroyo's refusal to suspend military operations against the rebels.

"The armed forces will not stop operations against terrorist groups, especially the NPA. Their kangaroo court will not stop the AFP from pursuing them," said Army spokesperson Lt. Col. Jose Mabanta.

Mabanta was responding to a statement by the NPA'S Valentin Palamine Command that it would continue with the trial of Sgt. Jeremias Rosete of the Military Intelligence Group and three civilian agents for espionage, unless the government suspended military operations against the communists.

Mabanta demanded instead that the NPA immediately release the three civilian captives—Pepito Simbulan, Wilfredo Maldecir and Herminia Sorongan, all of Sultan Kudarat.

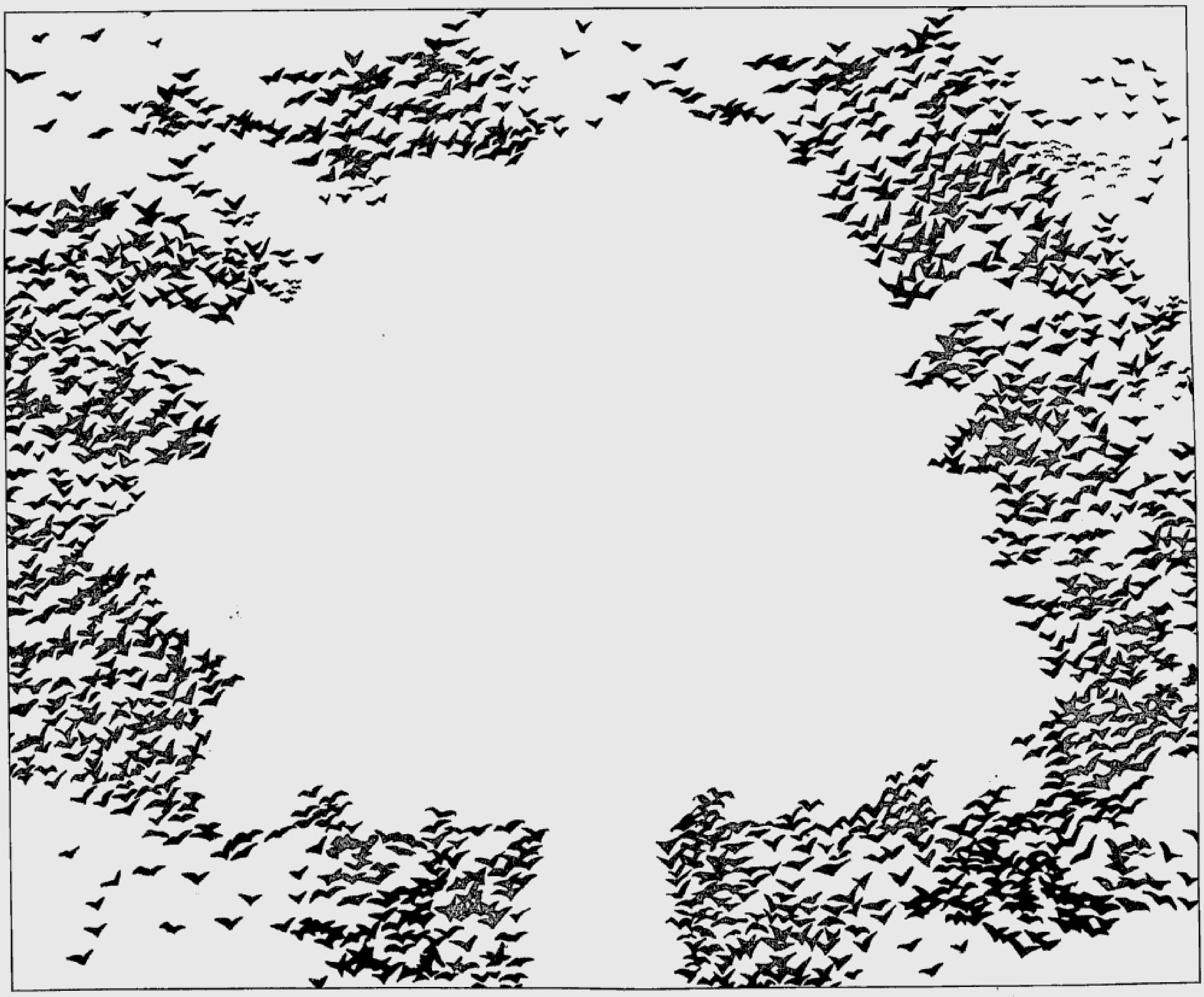
"They are ordinary members of the community. They are non-military but simple civilians and should be released immediately. This only shows the NPA is targeting civilians, which we strongly condemn," Mabanta said.

Rosete and the three civilian agents were seized by the Valentin Palamine Command in Sultan Kudarat in September last year.

In a statement, Ka Dencio Madrigal, Palamine Command leader, said the group is ready to resume the trial of the four captives since the government did not appear to be keen on declaring a suspension of military operations (SOMO).

"Should the National Democratic Front National Executive Committee withdraw its recommendation for the release of Sergeant Rosete and the three other agents, we are ready to court martial them on charges of espionage," Madrigal said.

Luis Jalandoni, chair of the NDF negotiating panel, had threatened earlier to stop the release of the four captives after the President refused to declare a SOMO in the area.



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Imelda to get Olot estate back, sans former grandeur

By Vicente S. Labro and Joey A. Gabieta
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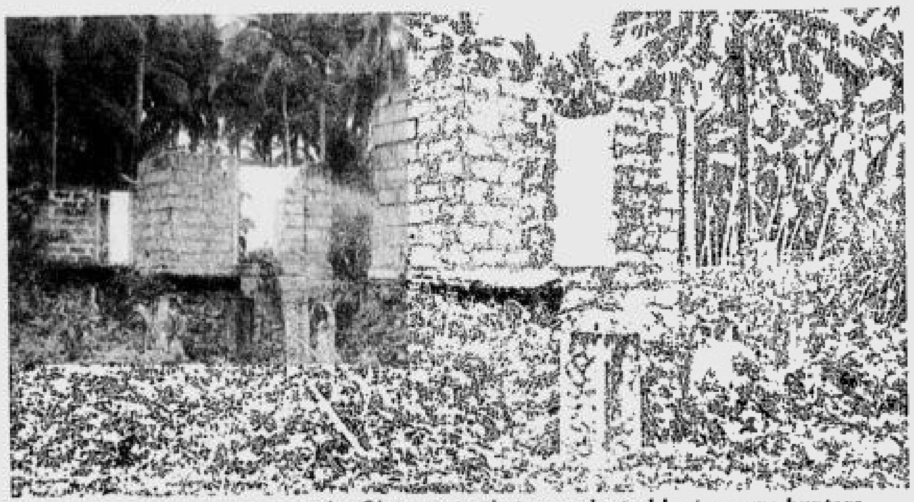

FILE photo shows quarters at the Olot estate that were looted by treasure hunters after the Marcoses fled the country in 1986. VINCENT BATIC

TACLOBAN CITY—The multimillion-peso Olot property in Leyte that Imelda Romualdez Marcos will regain by court order by the end of March has lost much of its grandeur.

The 45-hectare beachfront property, which the Romualdez clan claims as their "ancestral home," was built during the Marcos regime and became the playground of the Marcos family and their friends and special guests, which included foreign envoys, movie stars and minor European royalty.

The lack of upkeep since the property's sequestration in 1986 by the Presidential Commission on Good Government has, however, left the estate in a very sorry state.

Many of the buildings are dilapidated, but the mansions and the amphitheater appear to be in still good shape.

The PCGG had rented out some portions of the estate to two tenants. These are the 9-hole golf course, which was rented out to the San Juanico Golf Club, and the swimming pool, bath house and beach front—collectively known as the Olot Beach Resort—which is open to the public.

The Olot Beach Resort offers a big swimming beach facing the historic Leyte Gulf as well as food and drinks, a bar a videoke and sightseeing around the Olot property, including Imelda's guest house, rest house and a grotto on a hill.

The PCGG may be forced to rescind the contracts with its tenants after the Sandiganbayan ordered it on Friday to restore to Imelda full possession of the property in 30 days.

There was no immediate reaction from the Romualdez family to the Sandiganbayan order. Tacloban City Mayor Alfredo "Bejo" Romualdez, Imelda's younger brother, was out of town. The former first lady and another brother, Benjamin "Kokoy" Romualdez, both live in Manila.

The Sandiganbayan decision came just eight months after the PCGG had issued an order banning any of the Romualdezes from entering the property without permission from it.

Located in the town of Tolosa, some 25 km southwest of Tacloban City, the Olot property had been in the Romualdez family even before Imelda married Ferdinand Marcos, according to lawyer Vicente Solis, Tacloban's planning and development officer.

The estate was not just home to Imelda's family, it was also where Leyte's bigtime politicians met, particularly during the time of the late Speaker Daniel Z. Romualdez, a first cousin of Imelda, who maintained a cottage in Olot.

The family also gathered in Olot during All Souls' Day and All Saints' Day as the Romualdez family mausoleum is located there.

When the PCGG sequestered the estate, the Olot property was closed down. There were rumors that treasure hunters had invaded the property. It is said that even the septic tanks were not spared. But there were no reports of gold or other valuables having been found.

Without the funds to pay its own personnel and maintain the seized properties, the PCGG was forced to lease out some of the Romualdez properties that had been sequestered.

Some of the other sequestered properties in Leyte are the Sto. Niño Shrine and the People's Center and Library, both located in Tacloban. The PCGG has also rented out portions of these two places.

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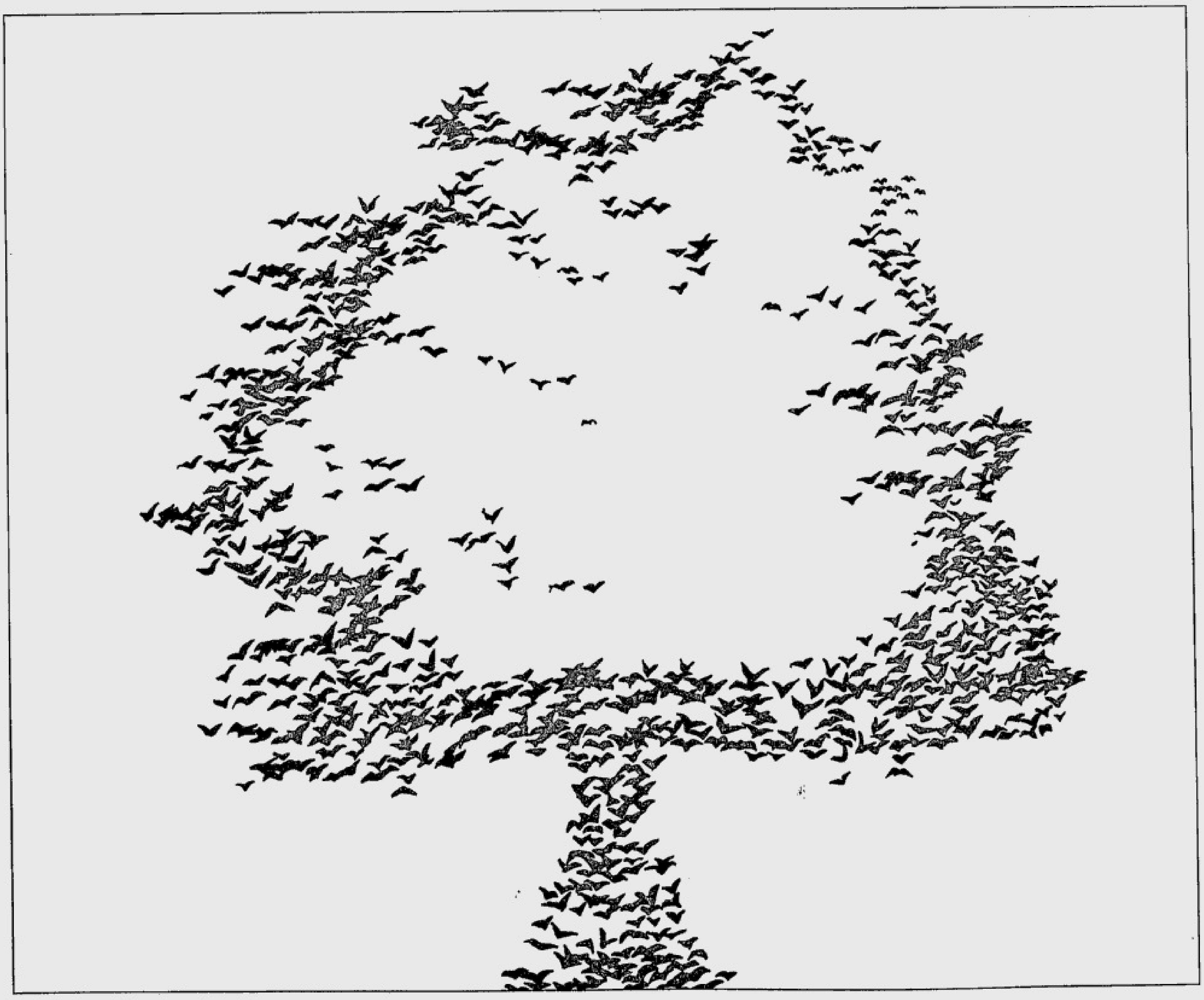

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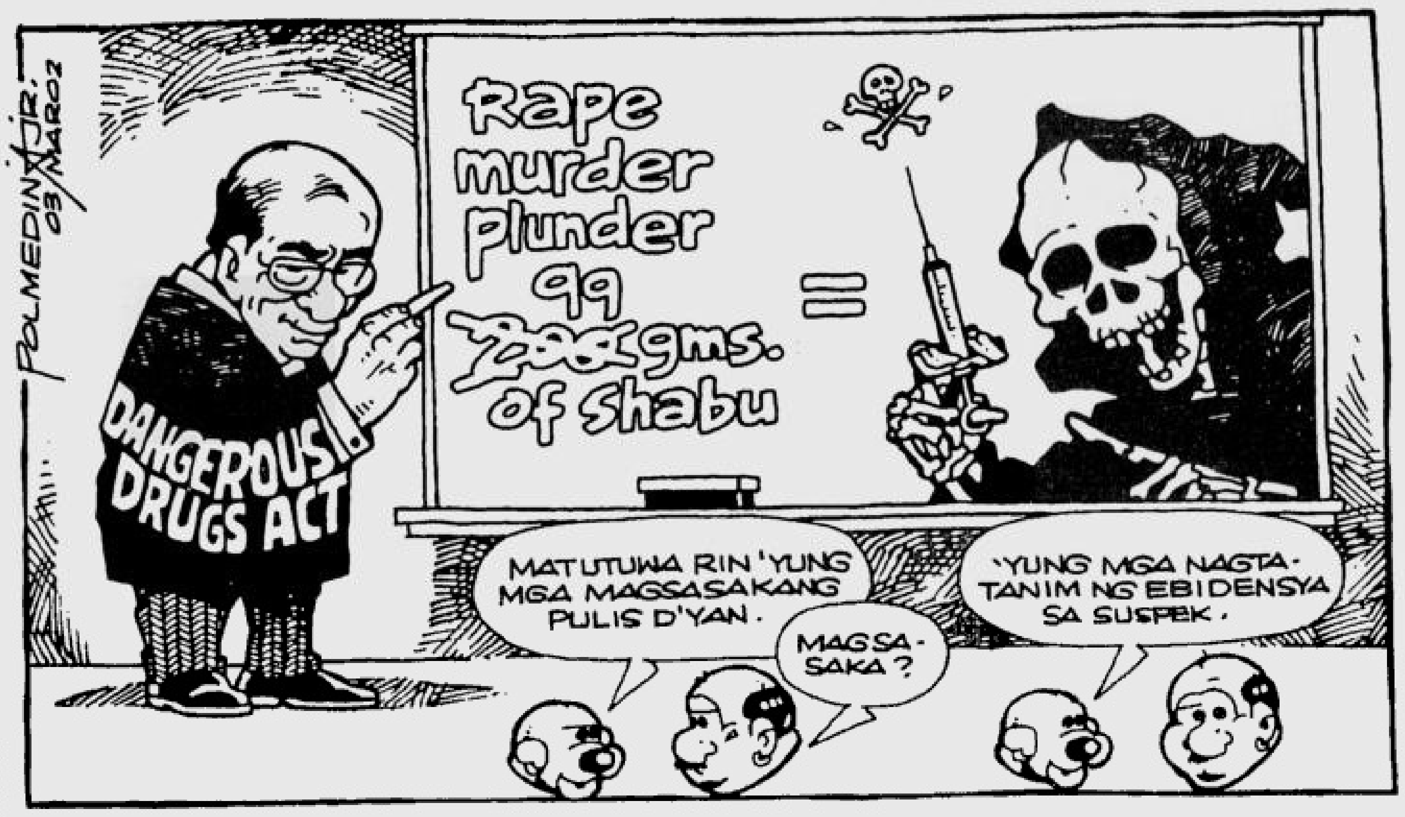
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A heavy heart

EDITORIAL

IT IS the duty of the law to make distinctions. Last Thursday, Quezon City Regional Trial Court Judge Jose Mendoza sentenced five members of the Scintilla Juris fraternity to life imprisonment for the killing of Dennis Venturina, the 22-year-old member of the rival Sigma Rho fraternity, who was beaten to death on the University of the Philippines Diliman campus in 1994 with lead pipes and baseball bats.

Mendoza did not impose the death penalty because of the "absence of any aggravating circumstance." He acquitted five other accused, and ordered the immediate release of one of them, in jail for five years now, because of the lack of corroborating evidence. And he ordered the convicted to pay the Venturina family more than P5 million in moral and other damages.

The victim's father, Edgardo, said he was dismayed by the acquittal of five of the accused, but acknowledged that, all in all, Mendoza's ruling was fair.

Mendoza said he reached his decision with "a heavy heart," because "Dennis Venturina was not the only victim. Those who were found guilty are likewise victims for they are, in their hearts, not rogues, rakes or murderers."

In an interview, Mendoza said the decision was "the hardest and longest" he had ever written in his 14 years as a judge. "Telling who should be convicted or acquitted was not so hard because the evidence was there. It's just so difficult to put such promising young men behind bars." Three of the accused graduated with honors, and one of those who were convicted topped the civil engineering board exams in 1996.

But put them behind bars he did. The judge blamed "the distorted and depraved sense of values the fraternities have inculcated in the minds of their members" for the death of Venturina and the eventual fate of the convicted. As with the Lenny Villa case, Venturina's murder brings the issue of fraternity violence into sharp focus. Why would otherwise "promising young men," steeped in the scholarly traditions of the country's best universities, turn into savages—if only for one fatal moment?

The answer must lie precisely in the distortion that violence-prone fraternities impose on simple values—simple enough for most people, those called "barbarians" in the revealing language of fraternity men. Consider the associated virtues of courage, loyalty and discipline. For the "civilized" members of violent fraternities, what does courage mean but attacking a rival with treachery and deceit? What is loyalty but defending a fraternity brother right or wrong, discipline a disposition to inflict or receive physical punishment?

When we remind ourselves that, at its root, education means the building of character, then we can understand the "depraved sense of values" that Mendoza scored for what it really is: the antithesis of a good education. Instead of developing character, it destroys it. That distorted sense is the very thing that, to borrow Mendoza's language, makes otherwise promising young men forget who they really are "in their hearts."

The judge made an important distinction: someone who is not a murderer may in fact commit murder. And then he made an even more important one: it is the act, not the actor, that the law must reckon with.

We will leave it to the psychologists and other social scientists to probe the nature vs. nurture question, to answer whether someone is born a criminal or whether circumstances make one so. We only want to say this: Mendoza did the right thing. If those sitting in judgment on the Nalundasan case all those many years ago, involving another promising young man by the name of Ferdinand Marcos, had acted then as Mendoza acted now, perhaps the country would have been spared a lot of grief.

Unilateralism

FOREIGN COMMENT

PRESIDENT Bush's State of the Union address and his "axis of evil" comment has sparked a less-than-amiable exchange. French Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine fired the first shot, criticizing Bush's "simplism" and his "utilitarian unilateralism."

Although the Europeans are having some difficulties speaking with one voice, they are unanimous in criticizing the Americans' treatment of the al-Qaida prisoners. They want to participate in a second phase of the war on terrorism but they do not think it should be exclusively military. They would like the United States to pay more attention to the causes of the hostility directed at them (and the Western world).

One of these causes is (America's) unilateralism.

Le Monde (Paris)

Conduct unbecoming

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

THAT Filipino general who piggy-backed on a small porter to avoid getting his dainty feet wet should resign his high-ranking commission. He is a disgrace to his profession and the Armed Forces of the Philippines. The American troops must be laughing at this fastidious commander and possibly at Filipino soldiers in general. Filipino soldiers in general must be ashamed of him for giving them a bad image.

Foreigners must be asking, If Filipino generals are reluctant to get their feet wet, how are they going to fight the enemy? All the Abu Sayyaf has to do is take refuge across a river, where they will be beyond the reach of our finicky forces. Gen. Marciano Ilagan will need another fisherman to carry him across unless the poor fellow is shot down and dumps his precious burden on the murky waters. The delicate general may die in action because of the bacteria in the river.

After the sea battle at Leyte in 1944, Gen. Douglas MacArthur boldly waded on the beach and soiled his shoes and trousers without hesitation. The six-foot general of all the Allied Forces in the Pacific area did not need a puny Filipino to carry him to dry land. President Sergio Osmeña, commander in chief of our armed forces and already nearing 70 at the time, also gamely wet his feet. The 4'11" Gen. Carlos P. Romulo also braved the shallow waters where he might have drowned because of his height.

The picture of the piggy-backed general was a sharp contrast to the American sergeant who was walking beside him on his own two feet. That man deserves the Congressional Medal of Honor for exceptional gallantry above and beyond the mud. Any number of pro-American porters would have been happy (and honored) to carry him on their backs, but he resolutely said no. After all, he was a soldier of the United States of America, the greatest military power on this planet.

The spokesman for our airborne general would excuse his fastidiousness as only a polite acceptance of "just plain Pinoy hospitality." Who is Maj. Arturo Orticio kidding? I doubt if Ilagan himself believes that feeble explanation. Orticio adds that the provincial governor, a priest, and another person also agreed to be piggy-backed, presumably out of courtesy to the hospitable porters. So what? Does that excuse Ilagan acting like a girl and not a warrior?

I make no comment about the other drylanders because they are not members of our Armed Forces, much less one of its generals. I don't think the governor will lose his constituents and the priest his flock for muddying their precious shoes. But it's different with Ilagan who has to be a role model of fortitude and guts to the men under his command and inspire them with his machismo. Instead, they must be laughing behind his back for his squeamishness if not resenting him for falsifying the true nature of the Filipino soldier.

Ilagan says he would rather not talk about the incident, possibly because he is too embarrassed for words. Orticio adds that "we should put the issue to rest as it will not help our nation." No wonder these gentlemen are eager to end all talk about the matter as it has humiliated the whole Armed Forces of the Philippines. For my part, I believe Ilagan's superior officers should not simply dismiss his indiscretion. I think he should be investigated and formally administered a slap on the wrist, at least, for conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman.

Still on the subject of soldiers, the admirers of Joseph Estrada say he is right to dismiss his lawyers because he does not expect any justice from the Sandiganbayan for its prejudice against him. They would liken him to Ninoy Aquino, who also refused to attend his trial because he considered it a mock proceeding aimed at railroading his conviction. He was facing spineless military officers under strict orders to find him guilty.

Comparing Estrada to Ninoy is a political blasphemy. Ninoy was accused of rebellion and other political crimes against the Marcos dictatorship—in themselves a badge of honor. He was a martyr invoking the cause of freedom, and finally dying for it. Erap is accused of the heinous crime of plunder and other offenses impugning his integrity and labeling him as a crook. There is nothing noble about the charges against him. He is far from the hero Ninoy Aquino is and nearer to the disreputable and despised Marcos.

Estrada is being tried by a tribunal whose impartiality has been sustained by the Supreme Court. Ninoy was tried by a puppet court martial organized by President Marcos based on evidence offered beforehand by the commander in chief himself. The people feared but did not respect the strutting generals. Even the Supreme Court was intimidated by them and crafted its decisions to "legitimize" their contemptuous rejection of democratic rule.

It was cause for elation that, after all its past abuses, the military redeemed itself when it withdrew its support from Marcos in Edsa I and from Estrada in Edsa II. Once again, as in pre-martial law days, it became a more or less honored institution with its traditions of courage under fire. Regrettably, however, things have dramatically changed again, because its courage apparently does not cover water. One unthinking general has, all by his lonesome self, brought the entire AFP back to square one with his unsoldierly and unmanly act.

Impressive? Expressive!

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

A CONVERSATION between a vendor and an irate man who just bought from him a gold watch:

Man: You told me it is 100-percent pure gold. How come it is whitish?

Vendor: Ah, sir, it is white gold!

Man: You told me it is in excellent condition, how come it is slow?

Vendor: Ah, slow? It's because it's antique, sir!

Man: You told me it's new, how come it stopped?

Vendor: It stopped? Ah, it's a stopwatch, sir!

Galing no? You have to give it to the vendor: he is really good when it comes to making *palusot* and alibis. Just like you and I!

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The Gospel of today (Jn. 4, 5-42) is about Jesus and the Samaritan woman who had many alibis at the start of her encounter with Jesus. At first she was proud, even arrogant, but one by one Jesus broke down her defenses. From an aloof, uninterested, unimpressed stranger, she ended up an enthusiastic, zealous and expressive disciple of the One "who told me everything I've ever done."

What happened? She had a personal encounter with Jesus. She had a *metanoia*, a conversion, a change of heart.

Why? Because she opened her heart. She did not remain closed. She did not hold on to pride, rationalizations and traditions that kept her from realizing and accepting the truth. In other words, she let go, she surrendered and just allowed Jesus to take over her life.

Surrender, sweet surrender is the key. So, when will you stop rationalizing and postponing, and just go right on to surrender, love and forgive?

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Psychologists speak of three levels of interpersonal communication. The first level is that of cliché, i.e., the superficial level of talking about things, events and happenings. The second level is the cerebral, i.e., the level of exchanging ideas, opinions, views, thoughts and functions. The third level is that of the "gut," i.e., the level of sharing hearts and hurts, feelings and dreams, visions and ambitions.

Notice that on the first level we talk. On the second level, we exchange. On the third level, we share.

In the conversation of Jesus and the Samaritan woman, notice too that no personal encounter happened while the woman was on the level of cliché, ideas or traditions. A real encounter happened when she really opened her heart and soul to Jesus.

For most of us, that's the sorry and scary part. We often choose not to share because at that level, we open ourselves to the possibility of hurts, changes or even conversions. How deep do you really allow God, people and even your family to come into your life? Do you really share what is really you and what is really in you? Do you share at all? Are you able to share at all?

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We are living in a world that is so advanced in information and communication, but also a world filled with loneliness as never before. Where, indeed, do all the lonely people come from? Maybe it is a question of where they are coming from.

If you relate from your head or from your functions, and not from your heart, you are bound to be one of the lonely people. Are you one of them—so filled with air and confidence, so overflowing with great ideas and smart talk, rewarded with financial and social successes and achievements, but so lonely, afraid, empty, hurting and insecure deep inside? Remember, living an authentic life is not a matter of being impressive. Much of it is being expressive.

Impressive *ka ba*? Good. But better if you are also expressive!

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Last week a young lawyer came to me for help. His marriage was on the rocks. He had taken his wife for granted because of the many needs and pressures in life. He also realized that he had forgotten his God because he made his work his almighty "god."

He was impressive. He talked well. He talked sense. But, he was finally expressive when he talked from the heart. That's when the real him came out.

Husbands and wives, do you still talk from the heart? Please do, otherwise, you may soon find out that you are already standing and looking at each other "from separate shores."

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It's Lent again. Time to be real. Time to be true. Time to go back to basics. Time to go back to God. Time to go down from your pedestal. Time to go down on your knees in prayer. That's where you'll find the most real, the most true, the most basic and most expressive you. A person at prayer is at his best. Indeed, "a world at prayer is a world at peace."

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Highly recommended: For Lent, have a secret affair—with the Lord! Give up some things, do good things secretly and let this be just between you and the Lord. You will experience a different joy, a joy which this world cannot give or take away.

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A moment with the Lord:

Lord, help me in life to express, and not just impress, otherwise I'll be depressed. Amen.

'Never mind—we're very religious'

COMMENTARY

Asuncion David Maramba

A PRIEST-FRIEND has been asking me to "write on holiness." I was almost floored by the request. For there is holiness and holiness. Who was I to write on the topic? Besides, what I thought might not be exactly what he had in mind. But it's Lent and people's hearts and minds may be turning in that direction, so here goes.

I once overheard a couple of women moaning and groaning over the hapless state of our country. Could anything be done yet? Then, one of the ladies piped in, "Never mind; we're very religious." My shoulders dropped.

The remark is true and false. For we can be "religious" in an "irreligious" sort of way. Taken in its popular sense as *madasalin*, our "religiousness" which is laden with devotions and pious practices is easy to see. In this sense, we are a genuinely prayerful people. Yet the very same people may have no time to vote and as candidates they can have the cheek to cheat. Go up and down the road and the landscape is thick with dualisms. This is perhaps why "religious" is no longer much of a compliment.

Prayer, of course, is a given, a sine qua non without which any pursuit of holiness is a sham. And piety or the feeling thereof is one of its most gratifying and sweetest fruits. For peace, refuge and rest, nothing beats prayer.

We are entitled to such consolations. For often, prayer time is the only good time on a bad day; the comfort zone in a difficult life. Taken this way, religion or religiousness is comforting and comfortable. "Comfortable piety" is what it has in fact been called. No wonder that many of us virtually remain in its embrace, as in a bower of peace and quiet.

But this "comfortable piety" is a little less than compleat Christianity. It shouldn't be the only fruit of prayer, not especially in times like these. There is another more demanding, more difficult manifestation of prayer. It is engagement with and involvement in the world at large. "Committed Christianity" is the challenge poised before "comfortable piety."

Between the two, piety is easy; commitment is hard. Try both. It's far easier to say, "Let's pray for our community leaders," than, "Let's investigate this questionable fund use in our community."

Moreover this "committed Christianity" is not as simple as performing "good works" as in "prayer without good works is dead." It's not as simple as having an "apostolate" whether secret or public, or giving to "favorite charities." Many a pious and pietistic people do this with much generosity—but often as an alter ego outside of them that they can turn on and off anytime; another hat they can put on or take off.

Committed Christianity is more complex than that. The best and simplest description that I have heard is "faith that leads to action and action that leads to faith." The full circle is there; the continual flow of one into the other, the inseparable union of the two that they become as one. The commitment is a disposition, an orientation, an attitude that inheres in one's very being, ingrained in one's very system, such that if you have it, you cannot not vote, you cannot not act, you cannot cheat or steal, and you cannot turn it off. Verily, it's in your blood!

In such a case, prayer or being "religious" as the lady would have it, becomes not only a comfort zone or the fount of strength and grace but also the seat of soul-searching and the fount of change and action.

To be sure, the faith-action union is delicate and difficult. Very recently the conflict over the Edsa Shrine, with Bishop Soc Villegas saying "the Church is for praying" and Fr. Joe Dizon arguing that "it is not only a place for spiritual worship but an arena for politics," underscores the difficulty of reconciling two forces that should meld into one. While no one will quarrel over charitable works and even make the donor feel good, involvement is controversial and can attract enemies. However many persons and some groups like Couples for Christ with its "Living Faith" are already actualizing committed Christianity.

Long ago it might have been possible to just be "religious." But no longer. Our country can't be saved by pietism alone. We can't be saved by faith that leads to piety and more piety, period. If you're touting the saints as models of piety, you miss the picture. They were ascetics, sure, but note that many of them were martyrs, founders, movers, preachers and reformers. Teresa of Avila, mystic, was not spared by the Inquisition. Prayer is the key, but the key must be turned.

Jesus, a priest pointed out, loved to go up the mountains to pray but however much He may have wanted to linger there for some peace and quiet, He came down and walked with the people. Jesus, another priest said, had two favorite words: "Come" and "Go." "Come to me all ye who are burdened…." But he also said, "Go into the whole world and proclaim the good news…."

The "coming" is sweet. The "going" can be rocky.

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A community's pride

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

THE FIRST time I attended the opening of the International Bamboo Organ Festival in Las Piñas Church, I was impressed even before the first notes were played. As my friend Peachy Yamsuan and I turned into the courtyard of the church, we were met by flashlight-bearing men who directed us toward the back of the compound to the parking lot. As we walked to the church, there were guides standing every few meters or so, making sure we didn't stumble or lose our way.

In the church, young women dressed in traditional Filipino finery guided us to our seats, their long skirts rustling in the brick-paved floor and harking back to an era of genteel leisure and refined culture. The mood was set even before the first musicians mounted the stage.

It has thus become a much-anticipated pleasure to take in at least one show during the yearly festival. Even if, last year, my friends and I arrived so late we entered the church together with the young usherettes bearing bouquets for the performers!

We weren't quite so late last Friday, the last night of the 27th International Bamboo Organ Festival, in a program devoted to liturgical music. But though we caught this year's edition at the tail-end of the festival, we were still quite taken by the spirit of communal pride and ownership displayed by the people and parishioners of Las Piñas.

"Shame on you! This is the pride of Las Piñas!" Sen. Manuel Villar, then Speaker of the House of Representatives, told me years ago, when I met him after the first night's reception and told him it was my first time to attend the festival. And in the quiet, efficient and wholehearted way the residents have volunteered their time and services to serve music lovers in an annual affair honoring the famed Las Piñas bamboo organ, the people of Las Piñas have proven how much they treasure their priceless heritage.

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THE PRESIDENT of the Bamboo Organ Foundation Inc., which oversees all the activities connected with the preservation and promotion of this musical treasure is Las Piñas' young pastor, Msgr. Allen Aganon. He stepped into rather large shoes, those of Fr. Mark Lesage, now chair emeritus of the foundation and Las Piñas parish priest for more than three decades.

It was Father Lesage who marshaled local and foreign support for the rehabilitation of what was then a crumbling relic of our Spanish past. And when the bamboo organ was brought home after its treatment in Germany, it was Father Lesage who organized what has now become a yearly event in the local cultural calendar, the Bamboo Organ Festival.

But in the years since Monsignor Aganon has taken over the helm at Las Piñas, he has been able not only to maintain the quality and appeal of the festival nights. More important, he has kept alive the spirit of Las Piñas as a closely knit community amid the pressures of encroaching commerce and overdevelopment.

And this spirit of community, of the folk's palpable pride in the town's history, is what gives a festival night at Las Piñas its special glow.

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THE LAST two nights of this year's festival were special mainly because they would feature the world premiere of Ryan Cayabyab's "Misa 2000." This was his entry to the Onassis International Competition for Original Composition for Dance and Original Choreography (together with Douglas Nierras' choreographic work "Metanoia"). For this, Cayabyab was awarded second prize (which he shared with a Briton), though no first prize was given.

"Misa 2000" was the only Philippine entry to the competition, among 46 entries from 24 countries. And certainly heartwarming was the discovery that "Misa 2000" bears traces of Philippine ethnic music and chanting, especially when alto Cherry Garlan sang solos of the "Sanctus." Her strong voice bore hints of Cordilleran chanting.

But the piece displays its Philippine roots in other ways: in the strong beat and percussions, the use of woodwinds that echo tribal instruments, sections that hark to the *kundiman* and ethnic rhythms.

At times, "Misa 2000" seems ready to soar into the sweeping notes of a film soundtrack, and Cayabyab's forays into pop insinuate themselves in other parts. But somehow, the music breaks free and manages to uplift the notes to liturgical stature. Also worth noting were the performances of Eprodito Bartolome, singing the role of the boy soprano, and Fortunato Moran, tenor.

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"MISA 2000" was preceded by selections of organ pieces by Pierre du Mage and the "Vesperae solennes de confessore, K 339" (Vespers) by Mozart.

Outstanding were the soloists: Rachelle Gerodias, soprano; Jolilorlyn Quintain, mezzo-soprano; Jose Randy Gilongo, tenor; and Lawrence Jatayna, bass.

Also truly impressive was the performance of the San Miguel Philharmonic Orchestra and the San Miguel Master Chorale. Established by the San Miguel Foundation for the Performing Arts, the members of the orchestra and chorale were chosen through rigorous auditions before a distinguished international panel. They can thus be considered among the best musicians produced by our conservatories, and honed by prominent choirs and orchestras. Cayabyab is executive and artistic director of the foundation, while Jonathan Velasco, who conducted both the chorale and the orchestra on the last night, is director of the chorale.

I understand that what drew artists to the foundation was the prospect of drawing a regular and comfortable salary that would allow them to concentrate full-time on their artistic commitments. At Friday night's performance, it was obvious material and professional security had not in any way dulled their artistic brilliance.

The trial of an ex-president

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

IF, suddenly, Erap decides to keep silent and not defend himself in protest against an unfair judicial process, I would think the system would really break down. If he says he won't play the game, explain himself, question the witnesses or dispute the evidence against him, we would be unable to judge him. We would know the crime but not the person. Can we condemn a person we do not know?

The situation we face today however is different from this. Erap has ordered his lawyers to withdraw from all the cases filed against him, but he is not keeping silent. In fact, he has made himself available to the mass media, straining to explain his actions and to voice his deep reservations about the judicial system in which he is being tried. The terrain of engagement shifts to the public arena, where his lawyers cannot protect him.

The trial at the Sandiganbayan will go on, and, in the absence of lawyers of his own choice, Erap may choose to be an active or passive participant. The court may prevent media from speaking to him while he is under detention, but nothing can stop his political allies and members of his family from talking to media.

Instead of lawyers, Erap will have to rely on mass organizers and on friendly elements in the media to translate his words into political action. He will need advisers to help him sharpen his rhetorical skills when he answers questions from media. It would help if he has influential friends in the military and the police who can neutralize the Armed Forces when the time comes. But if the mass organizations supporting him are not presently in a state of mobilization, it will be very difficult for Erap to activate them now and to wage a political struggle while he is in prison. In self-defense, the government would be forced to hunt his leaders down and lock them up as well.

I do not believe this is the option Erap was contemplating when he dismissed his lawyers. He knows that the political route is fraught with danger. He cannot afford to completely abandon the legal arena, where he can call upon the counsel of lawyers and the support of sympathizers in both houses of Congress. The moment he calls for the overthrow of the government, none of his powerful allies in public positions would be able to help him.

What is he up to then? He has not repudiated the system that is trying him, but he has questioned the impartiality of the Sandiganbayan and the Supreme Court justices. This move may accomplish two things for him. First, it may take away public attention from the fatal slip he made in the TV interview with Pia Hontiveros where he unnecessarily volunteered the information that he had indeed signed the name "Jose Velarde" on bank documents. Second, and more importantly, it may oblige the judiciary to be more lenient and accommodating in deciding the motions and petitions filed on his behalf.

Foremost of these motions are Jinggoy Estrada's petition to be released on bail, and Erap's petition to be allowed to leave for the United States for a knee surgery. Both have been denied. The reason is obvious: the continued detention of Erap and Jinggoy is the court's best guarantee that their lawyers will press for a speedy disposition of the cases against them rather than resort to dilatory tactics.

To the surprise of the judges however, the Estrada lawyers are not going for a speedy trial. They are exhausting all the legal means at their disposal to protect the rights of their clients and to keep the trial proper from taking off. They have questioned the constitutionality of the anti-plunder law, the very law on which the main case against their client hangs. They have opposed the creation of a special division of the Sandiganbayan for the sole purpose of hearing the cases against Estrada. They have complained against the selection of the members of this division by appointment rather than by a raffle, as is customary in Philippine courts. And they have protested a continuous trial schedule that orders them to appear in court three times a week.

The creation by the Supreme Court of a special division to try the cases against the former president, to my mind, is not necessarily inimical to the interest of the accused. But, given the politically sensitive nature of the case, it would have been better if the judges were chosen at random. The present set-up gives the lawyers for the accused every reason to demand the withdrawal of judges they perceive to be incapable of fair judgment. As to the decision to hold a continuous trial entailing three sessions per week, I think the schedule is reasonable provided the lawyers are given enough time to rearrange their commitments so they can prioritize the Estrada trial. I understand they would be happy with a twice-a-week schedule of hearings instead of the three hearings per week decided by the Sandiganbayan. I do not believe that is an unreasonable request.

It is foolish to think that the trial of a former president can be treated just like any other case. Whether we like it or not, this case has unavoidable political implications, and we must tread carefully every step of the way. Depending on how we manage it, this trial can blow up the nation or it can set it on the road to full institutionalization. To be able to bring a former president to trial for corruption is a huge gain in political maturity we cannot afford to waste.

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Who wants a military junta?

I DREAD the day when our country would be ruled by a civilian-military junta.

Those who are entertaining the idea should be reminded that nothing could be worse than having a government run by a junta. There are several reasons I say this:

First, a change from the presidential form of government to a civilian-military junta would require extra-constitutional means. How would we want to install the junta, through a coup, people power or rebellion?

Second, the power grabbers will choose the junta members and that will be the end of elections in this country.

COMMENTARY

Hector M. Tarrazona

Third, the members of the junta will have an indefinite term of office.

Fourth, to keep themselves in power, the members of the junta will have to employ force and consequently use a bigger chunk of the country's resources to pay for the salaries of the expanded military as well as for the purchase of more guns and ammunition.

Fifth, since there will be no check and balance, graft and corruption will proliferate some more.

Sixth, the Philippines will be shunned, like a plague, by democratic countries. Foreign investors will pull out their businesses and new investments will be reduced to a trickle. Filipino workers will not be as welcome in other countries as they are now.

Seventh, under a junta we lose our freedoms.

Those who have floated the idea of putting up a civilian-military junta are intelligent and educated people who pretend to be stupid and irresponsible. My instincts tell me they are laughing on their way to the corridors of power. They are not really serious about establishing a junta; their only objective is to get some concessions from the Macapagal administration. And they appear to have already succeeded because the government seems to have lost its resolve in looking into some scandalous transactions made when they were in power.

Let me share my experience with people who have pushed for the establishment of a military junta.

During the 1989 coup attempt, according to one rebel officer, the original plan was for a group of Scout Rangers from Quezon Province to take over Fernando Air Base in Lipa City. When the rebel officers learned that my wing commander and deputy wing commander were trapped at the Villamor Air Base, they bypassed Fernando Air Base and proceeded directly to Makati.

The rebel officers had excellent reasons to believe that I was on their side. In fact, some officers at the headquarters of the Philippine Air Force who took the side of the government also thought that Fernando Air Base was already under the control of the rebel officers because I was the most senior officer left on the base. Their assumptions were based on the fact that I was an original member of the 11-man Ad Hoc Steering Committee of the Reform the Armed Forces Movement (RAM) in 1985 to 1986. In addition, several months before the 1989 coup attempt, I was demoted to lieutenant colonel by the chief of staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines. (I now hold the distinction of being the only AFP officer promoted by the Philippine president to the rank of colonel, demoted by the AFP chief of staff to lieutenant colonel, and then restored by the Office of the President to the rank of colonel.)

I was told that part of the plan was for the pilots to take off the T-41D trainer planes loaded with hand grenades. (As a training base, Fernando Air Base did not have bombs or rockets.) With pins pulled out, the grenades would be individually placed in drinking glasses, to delay their explosion and then dropped on designated targets. At that time, the major bases of the Philippine Air Force were already controlled by rebel soldiers. Moreover, the commanding general of the Philippine Air Force was being held hostage inside his office at the Villamor Air Base.

Since most of the Fernando Air Base personnel were sympathetic to the rebels, there would have been little resistance, if at all, had I decided to rally about 1,100 pilots, officers, aviation cadets and enlisted personnel behind the rebel soldiers and policemen.

I was further informed that if the coup succeeded, a civilian-military junta would be formed.

The supposed members of that junta are still very much around. In fact, most of them continue to be in the limelight. At least two of them have been supporting ousted President Joseph Estrada, something I never thought they could do 12 years ago. They have made fools of themselves and thrown away the noble causes they had been fighting for in the past. They have not only disappointed their followers and admirers but also betrayed them.

For the above-mentioned reasons, we could have been in a much worse situation now—even worse than the conjugal dictatorship of Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos—had the coup succeeded and a civilian-military junta been installed in 1989.

Two years ago, a retired general who once occupied a high position in the government revealed to me that there was a time during the 1989 coup attempt when he and some key officers of the AFP were ready to give up and turn over to the coup plotters the general headquarters of the AFP. That revelation chilled me.

Sometimes I wonder what could have happened had we at the Fernando Air Base joined the coup plotters. Knowing that the 1989 coup almost succeeded in toppling the government of President Corazon Aquino, the Fernando Air Base, perhaps, could have spelled the difference between failure and success for the military and police rebels.

I do not want to think about it anymore. All I want to do now is offer a prayer of thanks to God (as I often do) for preventing the worst from happening. And the worst could have been a deeply divided Filipino nation with opposing groups continuously killing each other by the thousands or possibly by the hundreds of thousands, from 1989 up to this day.

THEY SAID

Sign of decay

"Graffiti is a sign of decay and there are people out there who are doing this with impunity."

—Metropolitan Manila Development Authority Chair Benjamin Abalos Sr. on his new drive to arrest vandals

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TALK OF THE TOWN

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Beheading videotape: A hazard to kids ?

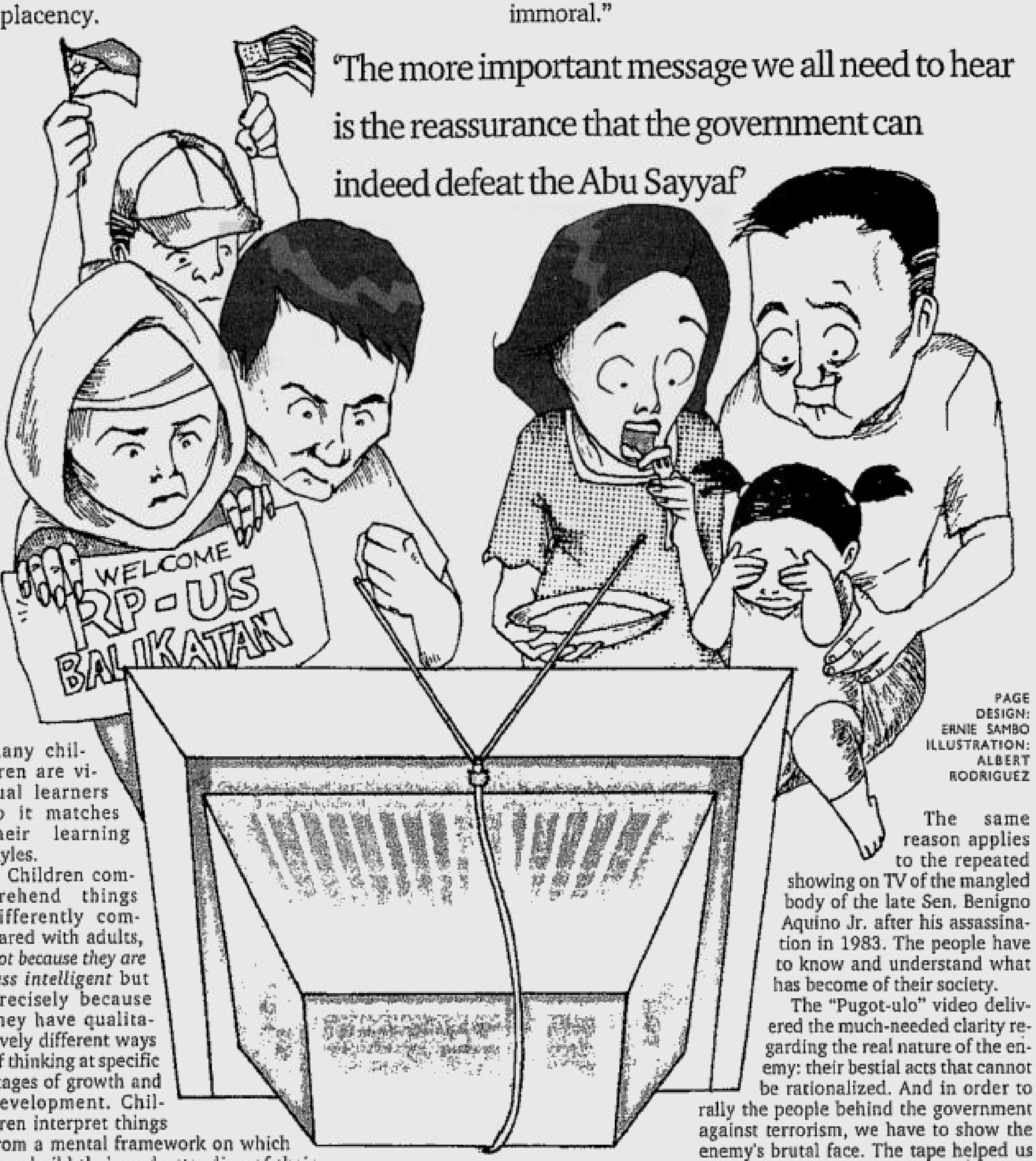
THE SHOWING on television of Abu Sayyaf captives beheading soldiers drew howls of protests from parents of young children and other viewers.

The military defends the showing of the videotape, saying it was meant to get the public solidly behind government efforts to fight Abu Sayyaf bandits. "To rally the public behind the government against terrorism, we have to show the enemy's brutal face. The tape helped us to do it," says the military's Public Information Office.

A former censors' board chair claims that people deserved to see the horrific scenes to jolt them out of their complacency.

But a child development specialist warns that high levels of exposure by children to media violence can lead to extreme fearfulness and distrust, heightened aggression and misconception about effective ways of resolving conflicts. She says the videotape can also lead children to generalize that Muslims are perpetrators rather than victims of violence because most of them learn very little about Muslim culture and Islam.

An activist priest describes the showing of the footage on television as "repulsive and immoral."



'The more important message we all need to hear is the reassurance that the government can indeed defeat the Abu Sayyaf'

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'Graphic violence harms children'

By Feny de los Angeles-Bautista
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FIRST, let us get one thing clear: the Abu Sayyaf should be wiped out. Its blatant disregard for the dignity of human life is clear to us all. Reports on the prolonged captivity of children and the brutal slaying of their teachers and of Father Gallardo in 2000 were poignant enough to drive that point home clearly. There was more to follow—Sipadan, Dos Palmas, Lamitan—and many more killed! All in all, it's impossible to ignore the true nature of the Abu Sayyaf.

Do Filipino children know about the Abu Sayyaf? Yes. They are not hobbits living in another world predating access to mass media. Do most children know that Abu Sayyaf bandits are "the bad guys?" Yes. And they know that children have also been victims. If children know, surely adults know too. Airing the footage only aroused emotional responses that had little to do with comprehension and concrete steps toward solving the problem.

Does the war against these terrorists really have to include careless decisions that affect children? Is the effect on children a factor in making this decision considering that they comprise almost 50 percent of the TV audience? Did they even count?

Studies show that media are a touchstone for children and youth. Next to parents and family, it is the single most influential factor in shaping children's views and values. TV is the most popular source of information and entertainment for Filipino children and youth. They watch an average of two to three hours of TV daily. The peak times for children's TV viewing are 12 to 2 p.m. and the primetime hours, 5 to 10 p.m.

A study on media violence in Philippine television by the Philippine Children's Television Foundation shows that Filipino children view an average of 6.2 incidents of violence for every hour of TV viewing. This means 2 to 12-year-olds can watch an average of 13 violent incidents a day.

Unsupervised

Compared with Europe, we have double the incidence of TV violence per broadcast hour and slightly higher than the United States. Studies also show that most Filipino children watch unsupervised and are allowed to watch adult TV programs. In addition, many urban kids play video and computer games heavily laden with physical violence.

Put together, this means that some children already have a media diet heavy with violence. Watching the Abu Sayyaf beheading video on TV was like binging on bags of junk food on a full stomach. Aside from instilling fear, there is the other extreme—it may have trivialized the issue for some children.

We must analyze and understand the impact of this decision within the context of children's interaction with various media and their exposure to real-life violence in daily life. When combined with life in high-risk, high-crime rate and conflict areas—the reality for a good number of Filipino children living in communities closer to where armed conflict rages—the effects of exposure to such graphic images of brutality cannot be ignored.

This is consistent with one of the important conclusions of the UNESCO Global Study on media violence. There is less to worry about in the case of children who live and grow in stable, secure homes, who can count on parents or other adults to regulate their exposure to media violence or who benefit from teacher support in schools with some attention to media education. But sadly, that is not the case for many of our children. Consider these: one in six suffers from neglect while one in three drops out before Grade 6. Barely 2/3 of 12 to 21-year-olds live with both parents. A total of 409,849 children aged 5 to 17 live away from home.

Misconceptions about Muslims

Another important risk taken was that of promoting misconceptions and generalizations about Muslims. The video was shocking and visually graphic so that there could hardly be any attention paid to the voiceover that could have clarified its context, e.g. the people, when, why, etc., to preempt such misconceptions. The ensuing debate and revelations about the identity of the "hacker/s" only added to the confusion.

The power of visual comprehension overwhelms other senses and higher level cognitive processes. Children are highly sensorial and this plays a very critical role in their learning processes. This is precisely the allure of visual media—many children are visual learners so it matches their learning styles.

Children comprehend things differently compared with adults, *not because they are less intelligent* but precisely because they have qualitatively different ways of thinking at specific stages of growth and development. Children interpret things from a mental framework on which they build their understanding of their world. Imagine the "mental framework" for many children who unfortunately do not have the opportunity to interact with fellow Filipino Muslims, which would be the best way of counteracting misconceptions. The media often carry reports about the violence in Mindanao.

Many children do not understand the history of these conflicts, much less figure out the roles of many groups involved. They simply know that bombings, kidnappings, hostage taking, armed conflict are part of life in Mindanao. They know that there are many Muslims in Mindanao. It is highly likely that they can over-generalize that Muslims are prone to violence, are perpetrators rather than victims of violence.

Why is this likely? Most children learn very little about Muslim cultures and even less about Islam as a religion because majority of them goes to schools where there is little attention paid to teaching about these. They also hear influential adults talking about their uninformed opinions. No adult above age 30 today can claim to have a comparable degree of exposure to media violence as today's children do. So the oft-repeated dismissive statement, "Look, I watch violence on TV and movies too but I'm OK! I'm not violent," just won't fly.

Desensitized

One of the most harmful effects of high exposure to media violence is already apparent among us: desensitization *to violence*. This "to see is to believe" attitude is evidence that desensitization may be prevalent. Judging from responses to informal TV surveys supporting the continued airing of the beheading footage, it is evident that decades of escalating levels of media violence from TV, film and computer games has taken its toll even among adults who consider it acceptable. There is a great risk for children so used to media violence to develop a laid back "I don't care, it doesn't affect me, it doesn't matter" attitude to real-life violence.

Real-life violence—whether witnessed firsthand or via replays on TV—leaves imprints on young children's brains that can never be justified as educational. Graphic and gratuitous violence—real or fiction—harm children especially those aged 12 and below. So we must spare them if we want them to grow up free from this and other documented harmful effects of this potent combination of high levels of exposure to media violence with life in high-risk areas: extreme fearfulness and distrust, heightened aggression, misconceptions about effective ways of resolving conflicts.

Twenty-four hours after the 9/11 tragedy journalists, parents and educators in the US raised the alarm about the repeated use of the footage of the crashing planes and collapsing of the Twin Towers. All the TV networks heeded the call for prudence and decided to stop or minimize airing the footage to protect children from the harmful effects of repeatedly viewing those images. What we saw on our own newscasts was not what the Americans watched in their own homes post-9/11.

Build peace

Yes, we need to educate ourselves and our children about the grim social realities affecting our country, but there are more effective ways that will not harm our children. The more important message we all badly need to hear is the reassurance that the government can indeed defeat the Abu Sayyaf, better yet, finally build peace in war-torn Mindanao. There are more important and moving stories to tell about the impact of war on people's lives: the daily struggles of displaced families in Basilan and elsewhere in Mindanao where children stop schooling, suffer from malnutrition and illness, live in constant fear and confusion.

Graphic images to emphasize the horrors of terrorism will not help win the war against it. Unfortunately, the Abu Sayyaf bandits are not characters in a cartoon or computer game who can be annihilated with a keyboard. But by transporting those "unverified" Abu Sayyaf images to households via TV, the government actually played the game of terrorists, producers and distributors of the video in the first place. Did they stop and think about the impact of this "media game" on our children after "GAME OVER" flashes on our screens or end credits roll? Now, that is the reality that we should be prepared to confront in the coming years. Are we prepared for the costs?

'Video showed real face of enemy'

By Cpt. Eugenio Julio C. Osias, IV
Public Information Office, AFP

THE ARMED Forces of the Philippines decided to show the tape to get the public solidly behind the administration's efforts to fight the Abu Sayyaf.

The AFP realized a compelling need to remind the people of the real face of the enemy. There was a need to unmask the atrocities of the Abu Sayyaf through this video footage that no amount of written words could very well achieve.

Some people need extraordinary measures during these extraordinary times to make them aware of the grave threats to their safety.

The same reason applies to the repeated showing on TV of the mangled body of the late Sen. Benigno Aquino Jr. after his assassination in 1983. The people have to know and understand what has become of their society.

The "Pugot-ulo" video delivered the much-needed clarity regarding the real nature of the enemy: their bestial acts that cannot be rationalized. And in order to rally the people behind the government against terrorism, we have to show the enemy's brutal face. The tape helped us to do it. The videotape is certainly not for the squeamish, but the reality we are facing is very harsh.

The result that the AFP had hoped to draw from the public was achieved. People were already well-informed about the atrocities of the bandit group before. But it was only after the video was shown in public that they felt the reaction of Hernando San Pascual, a student activist, who opposes the presence of American troops in the country.

San Pascual said that after seeing the tape he wanted the Abu Sayyaf and even their families wiped out. He had earlier thought that members of the group were revolutionaries fighting for an independent Islamic State although he had heard about the way this group had treated its victims. So, if San Pascual, a Left-leaning student, was moved by the video footage shown on TV networks, how much more the ordinary citizens?

Another point the AFP needs to remind the people is that the bad guys are the Abu Sayyaf and not the Americans, who are here to help upgrade the AFP's fighting capability through cross-training and equipment dole-outs. Some people, because of their personal misgivings against the administration, have a tendency to project this criminal group as some sort of local folk heroes.

We must keep the enemy from deceiving people and from winning supporters to its side. Some of our countrymen have to be saved from themselves. For reasons of nationalism and human rights activism, some have become unwitting supporters of the enemy, weakening the administration's efforts to decimate this terrorist group.

A psychiatrist laughed off any possible after effects of the tape on viewers. Dr. Ellen Gaspar said the videotape was less "desensitizing" than most fare in the media. She said most of us were so inured to violence in the mass media that the edited footage of the beheadings would seem tame by comparison.

'Pornography of violence'

By Fr. Robert Reyes
Gomburza

ON FEB. 18, 2002, I was one of many who witnessed another form of pornography from Malacañang's spin artists. An unsuspecting public was "treated" with the alleged beheading of two hostages by the Abu Sayyaf.

Peace Camp, a broad coalition against war and American interventionist policies, held a conference that we were against the Abu Sayyaf and its criminal activities.

Our Muslim counterparts condemned the Abus as un-Islamic. I stressed the Church's pro-life and pro-peace position. In this vein, the beheading video was both repulsive and immoral because it used media, television in particular, to promote violence.

In using television, the government wanted to show the inhuman and evil images of men with machetes chopping off heads. Having done this, they expect greater emotional commitment and support for "Balikatan."

For the government, the "decapitation video" was routine propaganda. In the words of Jacques Ellul in his book "Propaganda," "propaganda tries first of all to create conditioned reflexes in the individual by training him so that certain words, signs or symbols, even certain persons or facts, provoke unfailing reactions."

Redundant

What unfailing reaction(s) did the government hope to achieve? More hatred for the Abu Sayyaf and the concomitant weakening of conviction and commitment against "Balikatan?" As for the first objective, the video was redundant. Those who hate the Abu Sayyaf cannot hate them more. As for the second, the government fails to recognize and even disparages the depth of consciousness, knowledge and commitment that genuine nationalists have. Thus, as far as adult audiences are concerned, we have a case of lousy propaganda compounded by shallow structural analysis.

Moreover, quite a number of parents complained that their children saw the heinous video. These parents are worried about the negative psychological impact of images of unusual violence on their kids. Their worry is similar to the complaint against pornography in which victims are preferably children or youth ill-equipped to protect themselves against culturally, morally and spiritually lethal material. This is precisely what the government through its press office did.

Through twisted pedagogy the government showed how bad violence was by using violence itself. By the same token, kids and adults can be taught about the evils of *shabu* by tasting it; or the evil of abortion by having it. Through propaganda, government hopes to continue the "infantilization" of society. Thank God there are responsible adults who still complain.

In this light, I wish to remind some adults in Malacañang of the pornography of violence lest their forgetfulness leads them to prostitute the truth. Finally, the public may consider the following suggestion by a staunch critic of American propaganda. "What isn't being talked about in today's educational debate is the desperate need within our schools for creating a media-literate citizenry that can disrupt, contest and transform media apparatus so that they no longer have the power to infantilize the population and continue to create passive, fearful, paranoid and apolitical social subjects." (Peter McLaren, Critical Pedagogy and Predatory Culture)

'We deserve to see the horrific scenes'

By Manuel L. Morato
Former chair of the Movie and Television Review and Classification Board

THIS sense of outrage over the film clips of the beheadings should be taken positively because it clearly shows that we still have this capacity to feel for others. It's a good sign that we can still be saved. That some people find it revolting means that they are not yet totally *manhid. May pag-asa pa.*

In anything we say or do, truth must always be the bottom line. Are we going to keep lying to each other and keep the truth from our people?

Some politicians, who are opposing it openly, advocate "truth and transparency" in public service and yet they are the first ones to violate them. *Pirme na lang pa-*cute *sila.* They do not mean what they say.

We deserved to see those horrific scenes to jolt us out of our complacency. Those moving images depicting unspeakable acts of terrorism hit the target right on the mark. To describe them in words will have very little effect on people whose minds have already grown immune to screen violence and real life crimes depicted on TV. Reality may be too painful to accept but it is only through acceptance that a problem exists can effective measures be taken to solve that problem.

We have looked the other way for so long. It is high time that we stare at the truth no matter how ugly. Only then can we take the first steps in hurdling the obstacles along the way. We all deserve a terrorist-free Philippines.

RELIGIOUS STRIFE IN INDIA

27 more Muslims burned alive

AHMADABAD, India—Hindu mobs set fire to homes and shops in a village in the western Gujarat state, burning to death at least 27 Muslims trapped inside, the latest mass killing in India's worst religious strife in a decade that has claimed more than 300 lives, officials said Saturday.

The mob from an adjoining village stormed Sardarpura in Gujarat's Mehsana district Friday night and set the houses and shops on fire using cooking gas bottles, police said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The Press Trust of India news agency said police fired bullets in the air to scare away the mob, which regrouped as soon as the police patrol left.

The killings took the death toll in three days of carnage in Gujarat to 322—the worst religious clashes in India since 1993, when 800 people were killed during Hindu-Muslim riots in Bombay. No violence was reported Saturday.

"It's not a good thing what happened but this chain reaction is normal. Now everybody has to suffer.", said Satish Aggarwal, a Hindu who operates a dairy kiosk in the Amdupura neighborhood of Ahmadabad, the commercial capital of Gujarat, and the worst hit by mob violence.

A small crowd of Hindu residents gathered at Aggarwal's kiosk said Muslims were to blame for the events of the last few days.

INDIAN women in New Delhi chant slogans against communal violence in the state of Gujarat on March 2. AP

"It's the Muslims' fault, it's the Muslims' fault," they shouted.

Yesterday a Muslim mob carrying lead pipes and swords came tearing through Amdupura attacking people, they recounted.

But the brunt of the mob fury has been faced by the minority Muslims. Besides the 27 killed in Sardarpura, another 30 Muslims were burned alive similarly in the eastern village of Pandarvada on Friday. Early that day, 65 Muslims residents were trapped and burned to death by a Hindu mob in a shantytown in Ahmadabad.

The bloodshed was triggered by a Muslim mob burning a train carrying Hindu nationalists on Wednesday in Godhra town in the state. Since then, right-wing Hindus have been on a retaliatory rampage in this large western state, burning down Muslim homes while many police and soldiers have stood by watching Muslims, including women and children, being slaughtered, often with swords and sticks.

Thousands of Army soldiers with shoot-to-kill orders have been deployed in the state. There have been a few isolated incidents of violence in the other parts of the country but none serious.

Gujarat state Information Secretary Anil Mukim said "the arrival of the Army and paramilitary forces has really helped , I think we are now progressing toward normalcy."

But a senior police official said on condition of anonymity that it was proving to be difficult to send security forces in every village in Gujarat. "If the violence spreads to the countryside it could really go out of hand," he said.

In Ahmadabad, many hotels, shops and restaurants have been destroyed in rioting and looting has been widespread. Bodies blackened by fire lay in the streets, along with burned-out furnishings and vehicles, shredded clothes and other personal belongings.

Muslims in many areas said police were favoring Hindus. Muslims streamed into hospitals, for treatment of stab wounds and burns, but also for refuge.

The federal government has been heavily criticized for not reacting sooner, though the mass violence did not spread across India, despite a nationwide strike call by the World Hindu Council on Friday. **AP**

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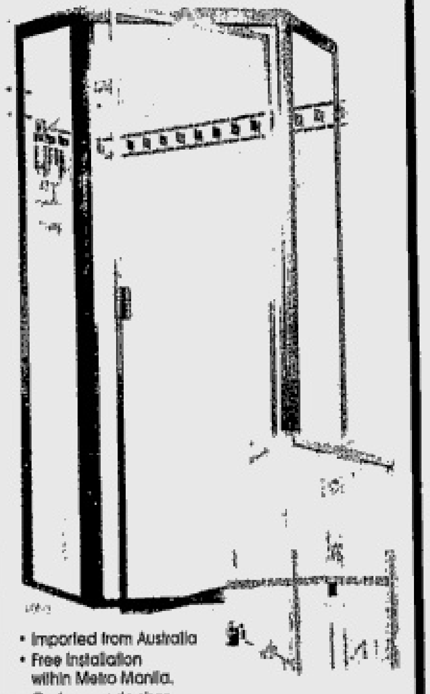

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Israeli troops move deeper into 2 refugee camps

BALATA REFUGEE CAMP, West Bank—Israeli troops moved deeper into two Palestinian refugee camps Friday, trading fire with gunmen and setting off explosives in house-to-house searches for weapons and militants. One soldier and six Palestinians, including a 10-year-old girl, were killed in the fighting.

Israeli Army commanders said the assault on the shantytowns of Jenin and Balata, both strongholds of Palestinian militiamen, delivered a message to the militants that they have nowhere to hide. In the past 17 months of fighting, Israeli troops had refrained from entering refugee camps, clusters of crowded cinderblock houses linked by narrow alleys where tanks cannot move.

However, several Israeli military commentators said the operation was futile. "This is not a calculated risk. It's a dangerous gamble," wrote military correspondent Alex Fishman in a front-page commentary in the Yediot Ahronot daily.

In the Gaza Strip, a 7-year-old Palestinian boy was killed by what Palestinian witnesses said was indiscriminate Israeli machine gun fire toward a Bedouin encampment. The Army said a group of Palestinians came close to an Israeli tank, and that warning shots were fired from the tank. The incident is still under investigation, the Army said.

The Israeli incursion into Jenin and Balata began early Thursday, with dozens of tanks and armored personnel carriers encircling the camps. Backed by helicopter gunships, troops moved in on foot, trading fire with gunmen who also set off home-made bombs.

On Friday, one soldier was killed and another seriously wounded by gunfire during the incursion into the Jenin camp, the Army said.

Over two days, 19 Palestinians and two Israeli soldiers were killed. Dozens of Palestinians were also wounded in the fighting. Many of the dead Palestinians were combatants.

On Friday, Israeli soldiers moved through the alleys of Balata in search of weapons; many of the hundreds of gunmen, members of the Al Aqsa Brigades militia, had long slipped out of the camp.

Explosions could be heard from time to time, as soldiers set off small bombs during house-to-house searches. The Army spokesperson, Brig. Gen. Ron Kitrey, told Israel Radio that troops "cut openings (in walls) for soldiers to pass without being exposed to sniper fire." Asked who would repair the damage, Kitrey said: "I assume we will leave it to the local handymen."

Kitrey denied entire walls had been torn down.

However, a tour of the camp revealed extensive destruction. In one two-story building, some connecting walls had been blasted away and the ground floor was covered knee-deep in rubble. A computer, clothes, mattresses and a TV were visible under the debris.

The owner, 70-year-old Mohammed Houti, said he and his family of 44—sons, daughters-in-law and grandchildren—would move in with neighbors for a while.

Houti said soldiers came Friday afternoon, ordered everyone in the house to leave and searched the building. "Then they ran out of the house, and we heard an explosion," said Houti, whose sons are unemployed, making the family dependent on monthly food rations from the United Nations.

Reporters touring the camp saw at least seven damaged homes. Eight other buildings had been taken over by Israeli troops, with an Israeli flag fluttering from one window.

Soldiers moved cautiously in the camp. Four soldiers jumped from a balcony to an adjacent building. Nearby a soldier clutched a map and another, apparently seeking cover, crouched in a shop whose façade had been blown out.

Nasser Awais, 32, the militia leader in Balata, said he and most of his followers slipped out of the camp after the first day of fighting. Awais' home was demolished by Israeli troops Friday. "They came and forced my family out and used explosives," Awais said in a telephone interview from his hiding place. "They couldn't arrest me or kill me so they took revenge by demolishing my house."

In the Jenin camp, about 30 km to the north, about 250 armed men were surrounded by Israeli tanks and snipers on rooftops, witnesses said. The gunmen sought cover in homes and in narrow alleys. "We are in a trap," one of the gunmen, Jamal Hweel, told The Associated Press by phone. **AP**

Bush OKs training for Yemen military

WASHINGTON—President George W. Bush has agreed to Yemen's request to provide US troops to train its military in combating terrorists, officials said.

The plan represents another step by the Bush administration to extend the war on terror beyond Afghanistan, where about 5,000 American troops, helped by an array of surveillance aircraft, are still hunting Osama bin Laden and other leaders of the al-Qaida terrorist network.

Washington has been pushing Yemen—birthplace of Bin Laden's father—for greater cooperation against terrorism since 17 American sailors were killed in an October 2000 attack on the destroyer USS Cole in the Yemeni port of Aden. US officials believe some al-Qaida fighters have found refuge in Yemen.

An administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Friday that Bush had given the go-ahead to dispatch US troops to train Yemen's military to combat terrorists.

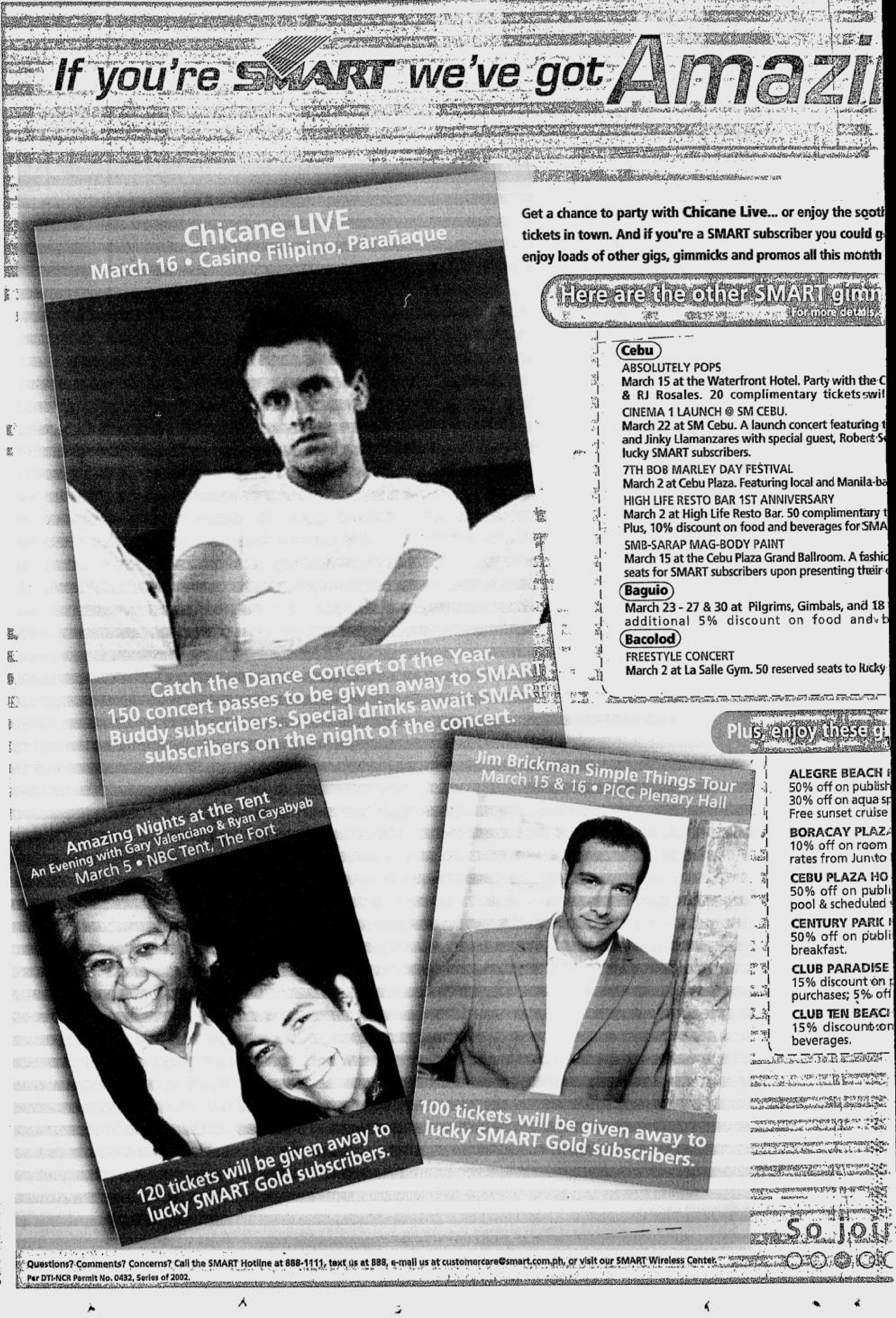
A senior defense official, also speaking on condition of anonymity, said the White House's National Security Council empowered Gen. Tommy Franks, who is responsible for US military operations in that part of the world, to work out details with Yemen. The official said US Army Special Forces troops would get the duty.

The official said small amounts of military equipment—most likely radios for field communication—probably would be provided along with the training.

In Yemen, a government official said Friday that as many as 100 US troops, including security experts and intelligence officers, would be sent to the country soon.

He did not say when the troops would arrive, but said forces would enter Yemen at different times in groups of 20 to 30 people, who will stay for 15 to 20 days.

At the Pentagon, another senior official who spoke on condition of anonymity said the US assistance would go beyond anti-terror training to include equipment and advice. **AP**



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KABUL—US warplanes and helicopter gunships bombarded suspected al-Qaida hideouts in Afghanistan's eastern mountains Saturday, opening a new offensive against Taliban and al-Qaida believed regrouping there, Afghan officials said.

On the ground, about 600 Afghan and American forces moved into the same Shah-e-Kot mountains Saturday, said Safi Ullah, head of the local governing council, reached by telephone in Gardez, 40 km north of the attack.

In neighboring Pakistan, authorities sealed off the border along the mountains to block any fleeing al-Qaida from escape.

The US Central Command in Florida refused comment because the operation was ongoing.

There were no details of any ground fighting, although bombing was continuing into Saturday, Safi Ullah said. The majority of the ground forces were Afghan, Safi Ullah said.

Commander Wazir Khan Zedran, talking to the Pakistan-based Afghan Islamic Press, was quoted as saying al-Qaida had opened fire with mortars from the mountains, even though they hadn't yet come under ground attack.

US B-52 bombers have been out in force in recent days over Paktia province, site of the new reported offensive.

Afghan officials say al-Qaida and Taliban fighters are regrouping there and just over the border in Pakistan, urging the faithful to wage holy war against US forces.

US officials and Afghan sources estimate 4,000 to 5,000 foreigners who fought for the Taliban and al-Qaida remain inside Afghanistan. Many of them are believed to be in Paktia and other provinces along the Pakistan border.

They are receiving support from a variety of groups, including Kashmiri separatists, Islamic militants in Pakistan and some former officials of Pakistan's intelligence service, according to Afghan sources.

In Pakistan, a senior government official at the Pakistan border town of Miran Shah said Saturday that troops have blocked all routes to prevent escape of any al-Qaida and Taliban fleeing the attack.

The official, Javed Marwat, said a 60-mile strip with Afghanistan has been closed.

A tribal elder in the area, Haji Rasool Khan, said by telephone that his Madakhel tribe would not give shelter to any al-Qaida on the run.

In Surmad, Afghanistan, village elders say US Special Forces and Afghan troops seized nine men in a nighttime raid in eastern Paktia province—including the town's police chief.

They want him freed, and the men of Surmad say the incident—even if it is a misunderstanding—could develop into a more serious confrontation if Naeem Farooqi isn't released.

"They should release them. Otherwise, people will become so angry. This could sabotage the peace process," elder Haji Abdul Ahad said Friday.

"Everyone knows him. The people here love him," he said.

Al-Qaida and Taliban fighters are widely believed to be hiding in the mountains that flank Surmad, about 29 km from Gardez, the provincial capital of Paktia. They are also thought to have crossed the Paktia border into Pakistan.

The elders fear the US Special Forces may have been told by feuding tribesmen here that Farooqi and his men were al-Qaida and Taliban—as was the case in at least two other incidents in which Afghans say US troops wrongly killed or detained people loyal to the new government. **AP**

Malaysia detains 8,000 illegals

KUALA LUMPUR—Malaysia has identified 1,824 people arrested in the biggest sweep in years as illegal immigrants, authorities reported Saturday.

Deportations have already begun and more will follow in coming weeks, mostly to Indonesia and the Philippines. The deportees face a whipping if they return to Malaysia.

Police cited by the national news agency, Bernama, said that 7,906 people had been screened and 2,456 squatter homes demolished since the operation was launched Tuesday in Sabah state, on Borneo island.

Sabah lies near the predominantly Muslim southern Philippines, and separatists fighting the Philippine government have sought refuge in Sabah in the past. The Abu Sayyaf gang, which has links to the al-Qaida terror network, kidnapped tourists and resort workers from Sabah in 2000. **AP**

Shuttle finally takes off

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida—The space shuttle Columbia blasted into orbit Friday on a flight to overhaul the Hubble Space Telescope, but a cooling system problem raised concerns the mission might have to be cut short.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration stressed that engineers were looking into the problem in hopes of finding ways around it and keeping the 11-day mission on track. The seven astronauts stuck to their schedule and slept as mission managers met to discuss the matter.

The shuttle and its repair team should catch up to the telescope on Sunday. Five grueling days of spacewalking will follow to replace aging parts and install the camera that should boost Hubble's discovery capability by tenfold.

With Hubble soaring nearly overhead at an altitude of more than 565 km, Columbia lifted off amid the high security that has become typical since Sept. 11. **AP**

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Chavit to Erap: Plead guilty

VIGAN CITY—Plead guilty. This was former Ilocos Sur Gov. Luis "Chavit" Singson's advice to his erstwhile friend, former President Joseph Estrada, after the latter admitted that he had affixed the controversial signature "Jose Velarde" to bank documents presented during his aborted impeachment trial.

"My unsolicited advice for him is to plead guilty to possibly lessen his penalty," Singson told the INQUIRER by telephone on Thursday. "He should try it to avoid possible lethal injection."

Estrada on Wednesday dismissed all his lawyers, saying he had lost all hopes of obtaining justice from the courts.

His decision was prompted by the Supreme Court's rejection Tuesday of the bail petition of his son and co-accused, former San Juan mayor Jinggoy Estrada.

Singson said he had long predicted this to happen.

"As I have said, even before the start of the trial, Estrada will resort to other moves to elude sanctions and gain sympathy," Singson said.

In Nueva Ecija, human rights lawyer Romeo Capulong, one of the private prosecutors during the impeachment trial, said Estrada's dismissal of his lawyers might have been suggested by the lawyers themselves.

"It shifted grounds. It placed the prosecution, the court and the administration on the spotlight," Capulong said.

He likened the dismissal of the lawyers to the walkout staged by private prosecutors in January 2001 when the Senate, acting as an impeachment court, refused to open the second envelope containing the details of the controversial "Jose Velarde" account.

Capulong said Estrada's camp probably wanted to get the sympathy of the public when it resorted to the move.

He said the lawyers' dismissal would delay Estrada's trial as the replacement lawyers would need to study the case before they could effectively defend Estrada.

In Isabela, Sen. Teresa Aquino-Oreta said she supported Estrada's move to dismiss all his lawyers.

"President Estrada's feeling was his lawyers were just wasting their time," she said.

Oreta said the government should give Estrada a lawyer.

"But it is up to him to accept the offer or not," she added. ***Leoncio Balbin Jr. and Villamor Visaya Jr., PDI Northern Luzon Bureau and Anselmo Roque, PDI Central Luzon Desk***

Militants declare Clark 'US troops free-zone'

CLARK SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE—To the beats of Cordillera gongs, claps and chants, some 1,000 activists burned the American flag and declared this former American air base a "US troops free-zone."

The two-day protest caravan of farmers and workers, dubbed "Balikatan ng Mamamayan laban sa Balikatan 02-1" of the Bagong Alyansang Makabayan, ended this way on Friday.

They vowed to pressure the Macapagal administration into abrogating two treaties allowing the presence and activities of American soldiers in the Philippines.

Rafael Mariano, chair of the Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas, said the 1951 Mutual Defense Treaty and the 1999 Visiting Forces Agreement should be scrapped because these have guaranteed the "war of aggression by the US."

He said the entry and basing of three Black Hawk helicopters in Mindanao and large-scale exercises like the Balikatan indicated that the US was "preparing to use the country as launching pad" against the enemies of the US.

Mariano also condemned the Armed Forces of the Philippines for supposedly allowing US troops to participate in regular military operations in Porac, Pampanga, and Fort Magsaysay in Palayan City.

"The mere fact that US troops are participating in the AFP's counter-insurgency operations is an indication of US aggression in the country," he said.

He claimed that civilians have become the "primary targets and victims of the US-backed AFP."

Mariano's claim angered Army officials in Northern and Central Luzon.

"That is a downright lie. No US troops are involved in combat operations in the regions. That's pure, unadulterated crap," said Maj. Gen. Rodolfo Garcia, chief of the Northern Luzon Command.

Brig. Gen. Alfredo Braganza, chief of the 7th Infantry Brigade based in Nueva Ecija, called Mariano's claim as "unfounded, baseless and mere fabrication."

The 5,000 protesters who joined the caravan came from Central and Northern Luzon, Southern Tagalog, Bicol and Metro Manila.

Police officials deployed at least 54 members of the regional police mobile group from Camp Olivas and 15 policemen from Angeles City for the Clark demonstrations.

Aside from barbed wire fences, more than 50 anti-riot guards kept the protesters away from Clark's main gate. ***Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk***

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SERENADE
Muslim women, who call themselves "Women in White, Women for Peace," play the "kulintang" to serenade mall goers at the SM City in Davao City on Saturday to join their protest against the Balikatan 02-1 military exercises. The "tour" is part of the group's week-long protest that will end on March 8, the International Day for Women.

Digital divide shows in Balikatan

ZAMBOANGA CITY—Filipino soldiers assigned at the Southern Command's Combined Information Bureau (CIB) watched in awe as the communications personnel of the Joint Task Force (JTF) 510 set up the facilities and communicated directly with their families in Hawaii using the video teleconferencing system.

"We don't have that kind of modern equipment here (Southcom) but I'm sure the general headquarters do have that kind, but not that modern," Col. Fredesvindo Covarrubias, administrative officer of the CIB, said.

Lt. Col. Timothy Manning, the JTF 510 communications officer, explained that such system has been used for more than 10 years now by US troops deployed all over the world.

"It's for the morale, health and welfare of the troops, as well as for the commanders, so that we will have the visual and audio communications with the field commanders," Manning said.

He also admitted that the 1st Special Forces Group under Lt. Col. David Maxwell is using such technology in Basilan.

Earlier, Maxwell explained to reporters that their communications facilities enable them to talk directly with their forces on the ground, particularly the 160 US trainors.

"We can communicate 24 hours a day," Maxwell said.

On Friday morning, teleconferencing was done to allow the JTF 510 personnel to talk with their families in Hawaii and, at the same time, link up with Pearl Harbor using the Pearl Harbor Bridge Network.

While US servicemen were communicating with their families using video teleconferencing, Filipino soldiers rely on their mobile phones for text messaging.

Filipino soldiers especially those deployed in the remote villages of Basilan take time to look for areas where there is a "signal."

Capt. Julius Navales, who is assigned with the 10th Infantry Battalion based in Matarling, Lantawan town, said he still needed to go to a "higher ground" in their patrol base to be able to send text messages.

"This is the cheapest and the closest we could get, but it's worthwhile," Navales said.

Southcom Chief Lt. Gen. Roy Cimatu admitted that the technology used by the Armed Forces of the Philippines is 20 years behind that of the US forces. ***Julie Alipala, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

10,000 bury slain 'Kuratong Baleleng' chief

By Ryan D. Rosauro
PDI Mindanao Bureau

OZAMIZ CITY--Some 10,000 supporters of slain Kuratong chief Renato Parojinog braved the scorching summer heat as they joined his 5-kilometer funeral parade yesterday.

Rival politicians and the Parojinog family also joined the Mass and eulogy for the slain provincial legislator at the cathedral before walking for two hours to the Mount Malindang Memorial Gardens for the burial at around 4:30 p.m.

Many of the mourners wept openly as police paid their respects with a 14-gun salute.

Bishop Jesus Dosado, during the Mass, reiterated his call for sobriety, saying violence is an "act which surely our brother Renato, if he were still alive, strongly abhors."

It was widely believed here that Parojinog's killing on Feb. 15 in Manila was politically motivated.

Mayor Reynaldo Parojinog, elder brother of the victim, also appealed to the people to give whatever little but useful information they have to solve the case.

"I do not want a single drop of blood to be shed in the name of searching for justice for Renato's death. This we should not, and never, ever resort to. Let the courts mete out justice to those who did this painful act to my brother," Mayor Parojinog said as tears rolled down his cheeks.

The elder Parojinog said the family believed that the killing was related to politics.

"Some people could not yet accept the fact that they lost my brother," he earlier said.

Among those present were People Power Coalition stalwarts in Misamis Occidental led by Gov. Loreto Ocampos.

Ocampos said no local politician was capable of killing a political enemy. "When I say capability, that includes personal character and tendencies," he said.

He explained that politics in the province has not reached such level that rivals resort to the dreadful act.

"The heat of political rhetoric is over, and we have been going on with our work not minding political affiliations," he said.

The slain Parojinog belonged to the opposition Lapian ng Masang Pilipino, but Ocampos said he became "a partner" and "a part of our team."

Vice Gov. Francisco Paylaga Jr. said that despite party differences, the slain board member was very supportive of the programs and agenda of the provincial leadership.

"We will surely miss his active involvement in crafting important legislation for the development of the province," Paylaga said.

Experts to present findings on critical bays, gulfs in meet

MORE than 100 fisheries experts, marine scientists and development researchers will present the results of studies made on some of the country's critical bays and gulfs in the National Fisheries Resources and Social Assessment (RSA) Conference on March 4-6 at the Development Academy of the Philippines in Tagaytay City.

The conference will be convened by the Fisheries Resources Management Project (FRMP), now being implemented by the Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources.

To be presented are the experts' findings on seven bays—the Lingayen Gulf in Region 1 (Ilocos), Puerto Princesa Bay and Honda Bay in Region 4 (Southern Tagalog), Sapian Bay in Region 6 (Western Visayas), Gingoog Bay in Region 10 (Northern Mindanao), Davao Gulf in Region 11 (Southern Mindanao) and the Butuan Bay in Caraga.

Conducted for more than a year starting 2000, the benchmark bay studies are now used by fisherfolk, local government units and community-based and non-government organizations to draft fisheries and coastal resource management plans in various areas of the country.

"These studies have assumed greater importance now, as serious problems hound our fishing areas. These problems threaten the survival of our fisherfolk and our coastal communities, as illustrated by the fish kill that happened recently in the Lingayen Gulf, one of our priority areas," said Marciano Carreron III, FRMP director.

All the studies to be presented were conducted in seven of the 18 bays covered by the FRMP.

The FRMP is a six-year project being implemented in 18 priority bays and gulfs covering more than 100 coastal communities nationwide.

It addresses concerns related to dwindling fish catch, resource management systems, alternative livelihood and the need to strengthen local government units, government agencies and concerned non-government organizations.

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: The eastern sections of the country will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers. The rest of the country will be partly cloudy to cloudy with isolated rainshowers.
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Tacloban	Cloudy with Rains	Hi 31° Lo 21°
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Cagayan de Oro	Partly Cloudy	Hi 30° Lo 20°
Davao	Paartly Cloudy	Hi 31° Lo 22°

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ROUNDUP

Journalists get houses

ANGELES CITY—The Pampanga Press Club, on its 52nd induction rites here on Wednesday, availed itself of a government low-cost housing project for its 43 members. Housing Secretary Michael Defensor vowed to support the project initiated by PPC president Jerry Lacuarta, Manila Bulletin correspondent, before the latter suffered a severe stroke last January. Defensor urged officials to make the houses available to "legitimate media practitioners."
Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk

Bamboo reef craft

OBANDO, Bulacan—Government and church officials in this flood-prone town launched the "Kawayang Handog Mo, Pigil Baha sa Lugar Mo" campaign to gather thousands of bamboos to be used to build temporary reef craft during the rainy season. Mayor Nesty Joaquin said the bamboo-made reef craft would be placed along the Binuangan River and in eight coastal villages here to prevent water from the Manila Bay from flooding the villages. ***Carmela Reyes, PDI Central Luzon Desk***

3 cops jailed

CAMP GENERAL ALEJO SANTOS, Bulacan—Three policemen from Bulacan were detained here for allegedly hijacking P500,000 worth of live and dressed chicken on Feb. 19 along the Cagayan Valley Road in San Ildefonso town. Senior Supt. Edgardo Acuña, provincial police director, placed PO3 Jaime Tadeo, who was assigned to this camp, and PO1 Roderick Venturina and PO2 Ricardo de Guzman of the San Rafael police under preventive suspension while facing robbery-in-band charges before the San Ildefonso municipal trial court. Acuña relieved Chief Insp. Carlito Marquez, San Ildefonso chief, after his men were linked to the robbery. ***Carmela Reyes, PDI Central Luzon Desk***

Tricycle owners' protest

DARAGA, Albay—Local tricycle drivers and operators on Friday threatened to stage protest actions if the local government failed to limit the issuance of tricycle franchises. Larry Prinsipe, president of the Daraga Tricycle Operators and Drivers Association, said the number of tricycles plying the streets has reached more than 1,000 and has contributed to traffic congestion. He said his group planned to boycott this year's registration of vehicles. ***Job Belen, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau***

Hot logs seized

LEGAZPI CITY—A Naval Special Warfare Unit patrol on Thursday seized some 3,000 board feet of narra and assorted flitches and a power chainsaw in Cagraray Island off Bacacay town. The haul, worth some P200,000, was abandoned by illegal loggers in Barangays Buang and Cabasan in Bacacay, said Maj. Jose Broso, head of the Armed Forces Civil Relations Group in Southern Luzon. He said the chainsaw owner, identified as Domingo Bejo of Buang, was arrested, while the flitches were turned over to Cagraray chair Rodolfo Banares. Earlier, 127 flitches of narra and *lauaan* were seized in Barangay Victory here. ***Roly Embile, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau***

Mindoro hydro power

CALAPAN CITY—Japanese firms are studying ways to harness the hydroelectric power potential of the Alag, Catwiran and Dulangan rivers in Baco, Oriental Mindoro. A project grant is being negotiated with the Japan International Cooperation Agency and other foreign funding agencies. Top officials of West Japan Engineering Consultants Inc., Kyushu Electric Power Co., Philippine National Oil Co., National Power Corp. and the provincial government recently visited the proposed dam sites. Japanese experts and the PNOC estimated that the rivers could produce 92 megawatts of electricity at a cost of $98 million.
Donna Virola, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Forest land boundary

LEGAZPI CITY—The Department of Environment and Natural Resources delineated more than 384 kilometers of permanent forest land in Catanduanes last year. This brought to 765,124 km the total forest land demarcation line that the DENR has so far established since the project was started in that province in 2000. Oscar Hamada, DENR regional executive director, said the delineation involved 68,128 hectares of land in Catanduanes.
Job Belen, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Anti-'jueteng' drive

CALAMBA CITY—Police have arrested 527 persons allegedly involved in *jueteng* in a span of two weeks in February. Chief Supt. Domingo Reyes Jr., police regional director, said most of those arrested were from Batangas with 149 persons. Others were from Quezon, 142; Rizal, 92; Laguna, 76; Oriental Mindoro, 37; and Palawan, four. Reyes directed the Cavite police to intensify their anti-gambling campaign, noting a low 27 arrests in the province. Sr. Insp. Rodney Ramirez led a team in arresting eight persons allegedly involved in *jueteng* on Feb. 16 in Barangay Biklatan, Gen. Trias, Cavite.
Romulo Ponte, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

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'BALIK-PATAK'
A child receives an oral anti-polio vaccine from a health worker during the second wave of the Department of Health's door-to-door "Patak Polio" campaign on Saturday in Davao City.

Pioneering Ilonggo filmmakers hailed

By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.
PDI Visayas Bureau

ILOILO CITY—Pioneering Ilonggo filmmakers who have drawn little attention from the local government in the past have earned the support of top Iloilo officials after the success of a recent festival of Ilonggo short films here.

Mayor Jerry Treñas said the city government would give its support to future film festivals showcasing Ilonggo films. He said that despite technical limitations, the films were a "good surprise."

Vice Gov. Roberto Armada said he would also propose projects and plans to the provincial government in support of the Ilonggo filmmakers.

"We should encourage Ilonggos to produce more films, especially those with social significance. This is important in helping build our national identity by helping artists in the regions," Armada said.

The two officials were among thousands of Ilonggos who have flocked to the 9th "Pelikula at Lipunan" film festival from Feb. 20 to 23 at the SM Cinema.

A project of the Mowelfund Film Institute (MFI) and the National Commission on Culture and the Arts, the festival was also held in Manila before the Iloilo leg in Pampanga and will be held in Baguio on March 8-9.

The festival includes three new Ilonggo short films produced by members of the SineIlonggo Film Circle, a group of young filmmakers trained by the MFI during the First Iloilo Film Production Workshop in May 2000.

The same group produced last year's pioneering Ilonggo short films that won awards in national and international film contests.

Also shown were award-winning foreign films, short films by Manila-based filmmakers and restored Filipino classics.

The Ilonggo films were produced in 16 mm but were shown in video format due to budgetary and time constraints. The three films, running at an average of 10 minutes each, delved on Ilonggo culture and tradition.

"Hablon," by Joenar Pueblo, is an amusing story of a spinster weaver whose dream is to weave her own wedding dress and the misadventures she has to face to fulfill her dreams.

"Ili-Ili," by Sam Prudente, explores themes of abortion, infidelity and indigenous spirituality in the eyes of a child.

"Binukot," by Ma. Theresa Tejero, is inspired by a tradition among the indigenous Tumandok community of Panay where daughters are put in seclusion from the community. It focuses on conflicts of tradition and structures that binds a Binukot woman.

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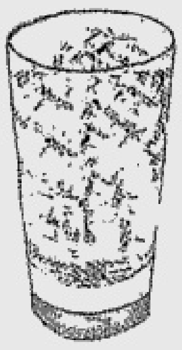

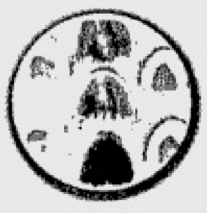

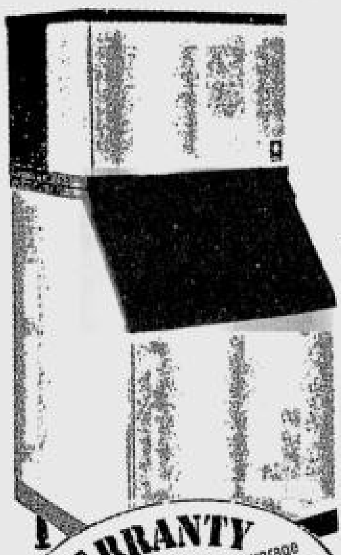

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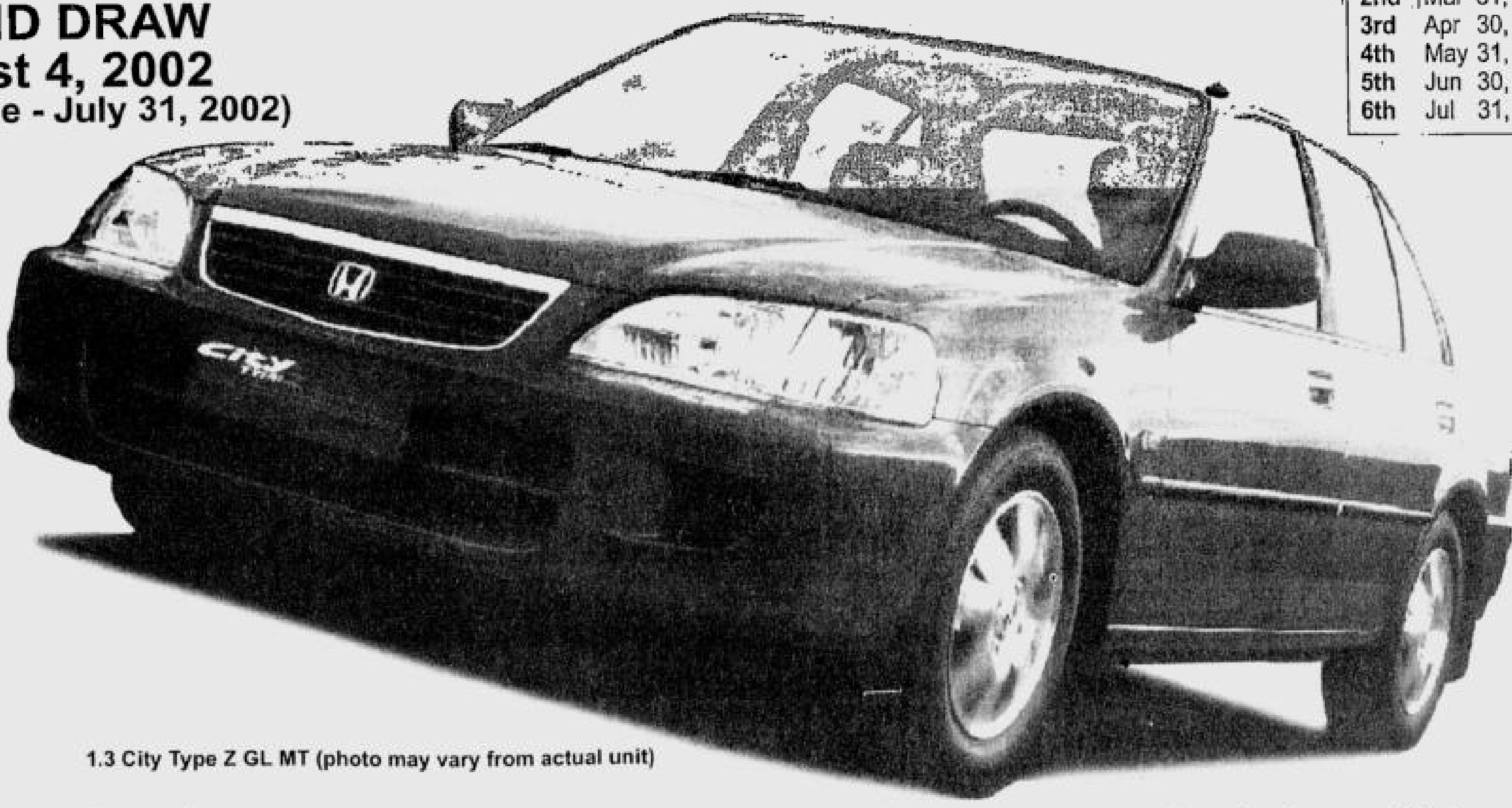

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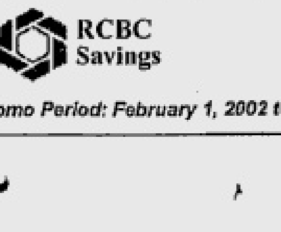

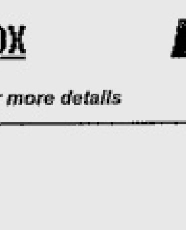

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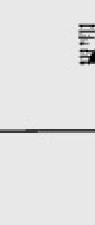

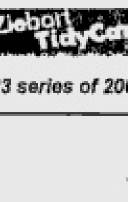

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The Americans among us

Alfonso's tales about Turner's son William

By Christine Godinez-Ortega
Iligan City

WILLIAM Turner and son Alfonso.

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THE RUSTY *barung* (bolo) resting on a table in the sala had a tiny crack on its sharp edge. The blood that had been allowed to dry on it years ago was no longer visible to the naked eye.

Owned by the late William Ali Tate, born to an African-American and a Maranao, it was allegedly not cleaned because of the Maranao belief that a bladed weapon must be drenched in its victim's blood to be of any value.

Raising the *barung* against the light, Alfonso said, "sometimes the blood turned bluish (on the blade)."

William used the weapon and the now missing *kris* against the Japanese and their collaborators when he became a member of the Bolo Battalion or Bladed Weapon Force during the Japanese occupation in Lanao.

As it turned out, the *barung*, with *okir* (serpentine or floral art motif) carvings on its wooden handle fashioned by Maranao craftsmen, was enough impetus for William's son Alfonso, 65, to talk about how his father wielded it against his enemies—perhaps in a more adept way than any Abu Sayyaf executioner can claim.

A tall, athletic and quiet man, William was a familiar figure among Iliganons although many had no idea how colorful his life had been first of all because of his being the son of an army veterinarian, Turner Tate, an African-American from Tuskegee, Alabama.

William had something about him that made this writer promise to write about him one day. Too late, William died in Iligan last year. He was 89.

But the spirit of writing about extraordinary persons, living or dead, is against giving up.

So William's story ought to be told because if he took a few lives with his *barung* and *kris* and with his gun when he shot suspected informers for the Japanese, he saved more lives during the war with his closeness to Capt. Luis P. Morgan, head of a large guerrilla movement after the Usaffe (United States Armed Forces in the Far East) surrendered in Lanao in 1942.

Author John Keats in his book "They Fought Alone," published in the US in 1963, provides a vivid description of William which local historian Evelyn Mallilin Jamboy quoted in her own book, "The Resistance Movement in Lanao—1942-1945."

Calling him "Bill," Keats said William as a young man "was always in and out of mischief" and was later "involved in endless petty breakings or bendings of the law."

He "seemed as purely negro as his father, but proved to be as wildly harum-scarum as any Moro that might have graced his mother's tribe."

William's mother Pagira Ali was the daughter of Amai Mering from Kapai, Lanao del Sur. Her fame as a midwife took her from Momungan, now called Balo-I, to Pantar and to Iligan. How William's father Turner married Pagira is the stuff of which romances are made.

Turner was so enamored by the small and slight Pagira that on one occasion, he rode on his horse to Momungan's *palitan*, spotted and saw Pagira there. As narrated by the grandson Alfonso from faint memory, Turner galloped close to Pagira, plucked her off before a horrified crowd and rode away like mad.

The ever-fearless Turner could not be intimidated by Pagira's relatives into releasing her until they were married.

'Doc Tate'

Along with other American soldiers, Turner, also known as "Doc Tate" may have come to Lanao with then Capt. John J. Pershing in the early 1900s at the start of the Moro Pacification Campaign under a self-enlightened American president, William McKinley.

Although Alfonso could not confirm whether his grandfather Turner's regiment was under Pershing's direct command, the possibility must be considered.

Pershing first came to Lanao in 1901 and as a cavalry officer, he was especially concerned about the health of the army's horses and, therefore, a veterinarian like William was indispensable.

Many of those American soldiers in Turner's regiment married Filipinas and later chose to settle in Lanao. Doc Tate, for instance, never went home to Alabama.

He and other American soldiers, as well as migrants from Luzon, were given homesteads in the agricultural colony in Momungan. With the public school system put in place by Americans, their children attended the Lanao High School in Dansalan, old name of Marawi. The school is now part of the Mindanao State University System.

Unlike his father William, Alfonso had been to America. A retired bodyguard of then Iligan Mayor Camilo Cabili, he was born in 1936 in Momungan and recalled with fondness what life was like there before the war with other American-Filipino families like the Taylors, Blocks, Smiths, McMichaels and the Wades.

WILLIAM'S "barung."

Pagira's charms

It was obvious that Alfonso admired his father for he dwelt on William's derring-do and explained that he cheated death many times because Pagira "sewed" charms into his body.

Proof of this, Alfonso said, was William's surviving bullet wounds in the stomach at the height of the conflict between the Ilagas and the Barracudas in 1972, as well as his near-fatal wound in the chest from a mortar blast at a bridge in Lala town.

How he eluded capture by the Japanese when they found he had been helping Filipinos in spite of his being appointed by them as the police chief of Momungan was deemed a miracle. This messianic zeal was repeated when William saved Christians and Muslims against the abuses of the Ilagas.

Too bad I never had the chance to ask William in person his version of those events. But then, if William's *barung* is still sharp today, it is probably because his intrepid spirit had always been against defeat.

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Health promotion 'fun' to these rural children

By Ramon Jorge B. Sarabosing
Agusan del Sur

EVERY Sunday afternoon, Agapita Lazarito, 50, of Sta. Emilia, Veruela, Agusan del Sur, gathers 20 children and adolescents inside the barangay hall.

No, they are not her own. They are the children of the community who come together to attend the regular weekend activity called Child-to-Child.

"It's a gathering of children and young people from 9-15 years old who talk about the health conditions of their community and seek solutions to it," said Lazarito, who is also president of the Sta. Emelia Lambigit sa Kababaihang Cooperatiba, a rural women's health organization based in the hinterland town.

The activity, which was started in September last year, is part of efforts of the women's organization to enjoin the community to participate in confronting health issues.

Based on its five-month run, the activity worked, Lazarito claimed. She attributed the success to the willingness and interest of the children to do their share in health promotion.

Sensitive

"You'd be surprised to know that the children turned out to be sensitive to concerns around them. They would seriously comment on things that repulse them, like domestic animal wastes and the absence of sanitary toilets in their homes. The children react privately to these, but it's only through the session that they are able to ventilate their views in public," Lazarito said.

How does each session go? First, the participants collectively choose the topic and discuss deeply its cause and effect. Sometimes, games are held to liven up the discussion.

Finally, an action plan is set. Either the plan is acted upon immediately or will be implemented next weekend. When it is done, the children take time to reflect on it and how they feel having accomplished something. Almost always, they eagerly see it as "fun."

"But I think I have planted good values in their hearts," affirmed Lazarito, who used to teach catechism in school.

Practice

Lazarito is proud that her class has done infrastructure projects for the community. They have initiated the construction of a comfort room in the *purok* hall and a kitchen sink, and launched a consciousness-for-cleanliness campaign in their homes.

"They went all the way to seek building materials like wood and nails, and 'ordered' the older men to build it. It's also pleasantly gratifying to hear them make a stand and pressure their parents and siblings in matters of sanitation. There's really a difference when a person has knowledge regardless of age," Lazarito said.

The child-to-child approach is simultaneously applied in five barangays of three municipalities of Agusan del Sur. It is a special pilot project initiative of rural women's health organizations and the Women's Health and Safe Motherhood Project–Partnerships Component (WHSMP-PC) of the Department of Health in Caraga, the European Union and the local government units.

In the marshland barangay of Bunawan Brook in Bunawan town, the children focused on a malnutrition campaign.

"They held study sessions, conducted survey and research, and as end-result, produced individual and group posters and placed them in strategic areas in the community," reported Diva Rhea Dosdos, a local staff of the WHSMP-PC.

Come to think of it, while children in the urban areas learn health issues in theory or on TV, those in the rural areas practice it.

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A TYPICAL child-to-child class in the hinterlands of Agusan del Sur.

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Sunday, March 3, 2002
3rd Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: **Ex 17:3-7**

In those days the people thirsted for water there and grumbled against Moses, "Why did you make us leave Egypt to have us die of thirst with our children and our cattle?"

So Moses cried to Yahweh, "What shall I do with the people? They are almost ready to stone me!" Yahweh said to Moses, "Go ahead of the people and take with you the elders of Israel. Take with you the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will stand there before you on the rock at Horeb. You will strike the rock and water will flow from it and the people will drink." Moses did this in the presence of the elders of Israel.

The place was called Massah and Meribah because of the complaints of the Israelites, who tested Yahweh saying, "Is Yahweh with us or not?"

2nd Reading: **Rom 5:1-2, 5-8**

Brothers and sisters, by faith we have received true righteousness, and we are at peace with God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through him we obtain this favor in which we remain and we even boast to expect the Glory of God.

And hope does not disappoint us because the Holy Spirit has been given to us, pouring into our hearts the love of God.

Consider, moreover, the time that Christ died for us: when we were still sinners and unable to do anything. Few would accept to die for an upright person; although, for a very good person, perhaps someone would dare to die. But see how God manifested his love for us: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us

Gospel: **Jn 4:5-42 (or Jn 4:515, 19-26, 39-42)**

Jesus came to a Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there. Tired from his journey, Jesus sat down by the well; it was about noon. Now a Samaritan woman came to draw water and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had just gone into town to buy some food.

The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan and a woman, for a drink?" (For Jews, in fact, have no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus replied, "If you only knew the Gift of God! If you knew who it is that asks you for a drink, you yourself would have asked me and I would have given you living water."

The woman answered, "Sir, you have no bucket and this well is deep; where is your living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us this well after he drank from it himself, together with his sons and his cattle?"

Jesus said to her, "Those who drink of this water will be thirsty again; but those who drink of the water that I shall give will never be thirsty; for the water that I shall give will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

The woman said to him, "Give me this water, that I may never be thirsty and never have to come here to draw water." Jesus said, "Go, call your husband and come back here." The woman answered, "I have no husband." And Jesus replied, "You are right to say: 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands and the one you have now is not your husband. What you said is true."

The woman then said to him, "I see you are a prophet; tell me this: Our fathers used to come to this mountain to worship God; but you Jews, do you not claim that Jerusalem is the only place to worship God?"

Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you shall worship the Father, but that will not be on this mountain or in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship without knowledge, while we Jews worship with knowledge, for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour is coming and is even now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for that is the kind of worshippers the Father wants. God is spirit and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah, that is the Christ, is coming; when he comes, he will tell us everything." And Jesus said, "I who am talking to you, I am he."

At this point the disciples returned and were surprised that Jesus was speaking with a woman; however, no one said, "What do you want?" or: "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar and ran to the town. There she said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I did! Could he not be the Christ?" So they left the town and went to meet him.

In the meantime the disciples urged Jesus, "Master, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you don't know about." And the disciples wondered, "Has anyone brought him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of the One who sent me and to carry out his work.

You say that in four more months it will be the harvest; now, I say to you, look up and see the fields white and ready for harvesting. People who reap the harvest are paid for their work, and the fruit is gathered for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.

Indeed the saying holds true: 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap where you didn't work or suffer; others have worked and you are now sharing in their labors."

In that town many Samaritans believed in him when they heard the woman who declared, "He told me everything I did." So, when they came to him, they asked him to stay with them and Jesus stayed there two days. After that many more believed because of his own words and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of what you told us; for we have heard for ourselves and we know that this is the Savior of the world."

Commentary

Third Sunday already! In no time another Lent will have come and gone. Don't suppose anything much will change! . . . It will though. God loves us too much for nothing to change. In time, we always encounter some kind of painful crisis in our lives, and that's the moment of growth. What's growth? Greater love. And what's the crisis? That question in the first reading: "Is God with us or not." The pilgrims discovered that God was with them, giving water. In the similar crisis of Calvary, water will flow again, from the heart of Christ, a sign of the Spirit, the Love released into the world by Jesus. How simply he asks for what he needs: "Give me a drink." A lot depends on the humility to ask. It's Sunday – can you spend some time in the desert today to listen for the prayer that's welling up in your heart?

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No diamonds from Macapagal

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But his maternal grandmother, Evangelina Macaraeg, and her great-grandmother left a diamond-studded legacy. By tradition, President Macapagal-Arroyo will no longer be wearing her wedding ring on the day of the wedding.

As was the custom of her maternal grandmother and her mother, Dr. Evangelina Macaraeg, the President will turn over the family heirloom—a 3.99-karat diamond set in platinum—to Angela Montenegro, Mikey's bride.

At the wedding to be held at the centuries-old San Agustin Church here, Mikey said Angela would become the fourth woman to wear the ring that three generations of Macaraeg women have worn.

It was a gift from Juan Macaraeg, the President's grandfather on her mother's side of the family. The wealthy Macaraegs are from Pangasinan.

The late President Diosdado Macapagal, Ms Macapagal's father, lived a life of poverty but finished school always at the top of his class on the scholarship of the late Kapampangan philanthropist, Don Honorio Ventura.

No poems, just gifts

In lieu of gifts, the President's father gave poems to his wife Eva. One of these poems is the "*Panintunan Daca* (A Husband's Love)."

Written on Sept. 6, 1961 while then Vice President Diosdado Macapagal was on a boat trip, the poem remains unpublished.

Mikey said June 24 was chosen as their altar date because it is the feast of San Juan, from whom the original ring-giver was named after.

Wedding sponsors

The list of wedding sponsors is almost complete, Mikey said. They include former Presidents Corazon Aquino and Fidel Ramos, Manila Bulletin publisher Dr. Emilio Yap, Sen. Loren Legarda-Leviste and Gina de Venecia, wife of Speaker Jose de Venecia.

"They have influence in my life. *Pinagpayuhan nila ako na parang magulang ko sila* (They gave me advice as if they were my parents)," he said.

Manila Archbishop Jaime Cardinal Sin will officiate. The wedding's motif will be Filipiniana.

"I want the public to know that the President's son is proud of the Filipino culture," Mikey said. Last week, Mikey's architect-friends went to Pampanga to inspect San Agustin Church, completed in 1572 and Pampanga's oldest Augustinian cathedral.

Mikey said the church would be refurbished to "a certain extent."

Without comparing his wedding to children of past presidents, Mikey said he wanted his wedding to be "simple but elegant, not extravagant."

"Angela and I are always finding ways to save money, to cut cost," he explained.

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Exile for Erap or else . . .

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treat the government like that, demanding that it allow Estrada to leave the country so that there will be no 'Edsa IV.'"

"If the government gives in to this ridiculous premise, it would send the signal that this government is weak," Nograles said, adding that he would withdraw his sponsorship of House Resolution No. 437 asking that the ex-President be allowed to undergo knee surgery abroad.

According to Nograles, Estrada has another option: "If he wants, he can plead guilty, get a conviction, and after that, a presidential pardon."

Camarines Sur Rep. Rolando Andaya Jr. said "the Philippines' No. 1 problem should not be exported abroad" and "should face the music here."

Bayan Muna Rep. Satur Ocampo reminded the government that letting Estrada leave despite his avowed loss of faith in the justice system would be seen as "political accommodation."

"What the people want to see is justice," he said.

Calm

While he claimed no knowledge that Estrada's supporters were mobilizing, Aquino said "we may be having a calm before the storm."

He said Estrada's supporters were "angered" by the ex-President's professed desperation vis-à-vis the judicial system.

"You have to look at (Estrada's departure) as some kind of a temporary respite for everybody," he said.

But Raymond Fortun, a member of the ousted President's outgoing defense panel and now serving as his spokesperson, claimed that the mobilization of Estrada forces "is not even mentioned in our meetings."

Police yesterday denied that Estrada supporters were mobilizing forces in urban poor communities to launch a reprise of last year's Labor Day assault on Malacañang.

"There was no indication (of such a mobilization) today, unlike in January when there were actual meetings. That's only in the papers," a police intelligence official, who asked not to be named, said in a phone interview.

But the official said police were monitoring the movements of Estrada supporters, especially the leaders of the People's Movement Against Poverty (PMAP). He added that, so far, PMAP leader Ronald Lumbao, who is being hunted in connection with the siege of Malacañang, had not been active lately.

The Inquirer tried but failed to reach PMAP spokesperson Arnold Obina on his mobile phone all afternoon yesterday.

Reports about the mobilization of Estrada supporters swirled after the ex-President dismissed his defense team on the grounds that he could not get justice from the courts.

Director Edgardo Aglipay, chief of the National Capital Region Police Office, said he had yet to confirm the reports but that police were ready to "contain" any protest rally that would explode into mayhem.

"We'll talk to (the protesters) to stay in the authorized area," he said in a phone interview. "If they become rowdy, we'll use maximum tolerance. We'll contain them so that other people will not be affected."

Aglipay said Estrada supporters planning protest actions should "exhaust all venues and legal processes to ventilate their grievances" and "not do something drastic."

Chief Supt. Crescencio Maralit, spokesperson of the Philippine National Police, said that because the reports on the supposed mobilization of Estrada forces had not been confirmed, there was no need to raise the alert for policemen in Metro Manila.

But he quickly added that PNP civil disturbance units were on standby to foil any attempts at violence.

Credibility

Pimentel said Estrada's trial could still proceed even with him out of the country, but warned that the credibility of the Sandiganbayan "will be more strained if it decides (on his cases) without lawyers (representing him)."

"People would think Erap was subjected to a kangaroo trial," the senator said. "I wouldn't be surprised if Erap forces are now mobilizing."

Pimentel recalled that on Jan. 19, 2000, the eve of Estrada's ouster, "I had already made a proposal to let him go into exile."

He said Manila Archbishop Jaime Cardinal Sin and former President Corazon Aquino had approved his proposal "in principle."

But Pimentel said doing the same now had become "complicated" because "cases have been filed already."

"The matter of having (Estrada) exiled has become a political issue wherein the President would have the final say," he said.

Congressman Aquino said the LDP had been thinking of how to ease the political tension brought about by Estrada's recent moves.

"One of the recommendations was to send the guy abroad for medical treatment. And when he's there, maybe (exile) can be discussed," Aquino said.

He said this was the reason the LDP was pushing HR 437—"not for Erap but for the stability of the country, because right now the situation is delicate."

Aquino said Estrada was "not running away" and would return to the country after surgery and recovery.

While the ex-President said he needed only four months, he can stay abroad longer than that to enable the political situation to stabilize, Aquino said.

"Of course, if the Sandiganbayan makes conciliatory gestures, (Estrada's) lawyers will come back," he said.

Aquino also said Estrada could even "personally ask his supporters to desist from holding protest actions."

Cowardice

But Andaya said it would be the height of "national cowardice" if the government caved in to the idea of havoc from his supporters.

"Besides, it remains to be seen if the residual elements of Estrada's former mass base can be mobilized for large rallies," he noted.

Andaya warned that "shipping Lstrada abroad" would permanently damage the country's judicial system: "If we exile him, what message will we be sending to our people? That justice plays second fiddle to political expediency?"

The congressman also pointed out that exile was reserved for social reformers being persecuted by a tyrannical government.

"Clearly, that situation does not exist here," Andaya said.

"Erap is in prison not for preaching social reforms but for allegedly plundering the people's money. And the government that placed him behind bars does not remotely resemble a dictatorship."

Nograles sought to allay fears of a so-called "Edsa IV," saying "we can always find a legal solution to a political problem."

"There's only one thing to do—just follow the law. We cannot allow ourselves to be ruled by a mob," he said.

Bayan Muna's Ocampo said Estrada's lament that he was not getting a fair trial had no basis because everything that he had been subjected to was in keeping with the gravity of the charge of plunder filed against him.

"This is clearly an issue that is within the judicial process. We should not be emotional about it," Ocampo said.

House Assistant Minority Leader Abraham Mitra called on Estrada's supporters not to mount violent protests, saying these would erode sympathy for Estrada's request to travel for medical treatment.

He expressed doubt that protest rallies would mobilize public opinion in Estrada's favor.

"On the contrary, whatever support the former President has elicited from the public because of his medical condition would dissipate at the first sign of mass actions by his supporters," Mitra said, adding:

"Any repetition of the violent attack on Malacanang will be roundly condemned, even by those in the opposition. And the authorities may no longer be in as forgiving a mood as last May."

Withdrawal

Now signatories to HR 437 are asking that it be withdrawn altogether.

Nograles said he was withdrawing his sponsorship of the resolution that had 136 signatories when it was filed last week.

The other authors of the resolution are Representatives Didagen Dilangalen, Abraham Mitra Rozzano Rufino Biazon, Ronaldo Zamora, Harlin Abayon, Hussin Amin, Augusto Syjuco Jr. and Gilbert Remulla.

Nograles said he would formally ask Dilangalen on Monday to withdraw his sponsorship.

He said the resolution was intended to be "within the judicial framework," but that "if (Estrada) is taking it out of the court to the public arena, we will fight him there."

Rep. Juan Miguel Zubiri said he was likewise withdrawing his support for the resolution.

"I take the stand of Deputy Speaker Raul Gonzalez because I feel that with (the recent) development, an entirely different situation has arisen," Zubiri said.

Gonzalez earlier told the Inquirer that the resolution, which he also signed, should be shelved because Estrada's recent moves lessened the chances of him coming back if allowed to go.

House Majority Leader Neptali Gonzales II and Rep. Robert Ace Barbers have joined Gonzalez in withdrawing support for the resolution.

Ocampo, who has filed a counter-resolution along with 12 other congressmen, said this was "a welcome development."

He said the 13 of them had filed House Resolution No. 439 to give a voice to those who did not want to see Estrada leave the country for whatever reasons.

He said that if the House majority withdrew HR 437, he would also withdraw HR 439. "If that happens, it will be all's well that ends well," he said.

Aquino, however, said he and his colleagues would still push for the approval of the resolution.

Mayors' vote

Metro Manila mayors agree that Estrada should be allowed to seek medical treatment abroad.

At a meeting Thursday, the Metro Mayors Council voted unanimously that the ousted President should be allowed to go.

Benjamin Abalos Sr., chair of the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority, said the mayors' position was "for the sake of security and peace and order and to prevent possible unrest."

Abalos said Estrada's recent admission that he had indeed signed the "Jose Velarde" documents and his dismissal of his lawyers might "result in more demonstrations and protest actions in the streets."

The MMDA chair also said the trial could proceed even with Estrada abroad provided that he signed a waiver that he would be available whenever he was needed in court.

However, Abalos said, the Sandiganbayan had the final say on whether Estrada could leave the country.

In Cebu City, an Estrada ally said the ousted President would not be able to muster the numbers for another uprising similar to the May 1 siege.

Councilor Jose Navarro, president of the Association of Barangay Councils in Cebu City, also said any pro-Estrada mass action could not gain ground there because Cebu was "anti-Erap country."

But Navarro said he had not received word from Estrada's allies in Manila about any planned mobilization. He also said the PMAP was no longer existent in Cebu. ***With reports from TJ Burgonio and Alcuin Papa in Manila; Jhunnex Napallacan, PDI Visayas Bureau***

Anti-polio campaign . . .

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since 1980 to nearly 300,000.

"It's hard to know where to go," says public health nurse Flordeliza Gongora, as she searches for the entrance to one house.

With unattended children running around, it's not easy to record which child from which house has been covered.

A child, about 3 years old, plays outside one house. He is silent, looking forlorn, when asked about the whereabouts of his mother. No one seems to be at home, save for a dog that barks noisily.

The boy's 5-year-old sister runs forward.

"My mother is sick," she explains breathlessly. "She is lying down, she cannot get up."

Upon a health worker's request, the girl secures her mother's permission for immunization. The two children then receive their precious polio vaccine drops and, to indicate their immunization, their fingernails dabbed with marker pen and a circle drawn in chalk on the front door of their house.

(An "X" is drawn on houses that need to be revisited.)

Hard work

"It's hard work going door-to-door," says volunteer Melissa Masinas.

In one area they had to walk on a precarious bridge to get to houses perched on the riverside.

"Sometimes, mothers don't understand why we are doing this. And we're also hungry, thirsty and very tired. We have to walk and walk and walk."

"But I'm happy with the work. At least I'm helping the community," she says.

Masinas has been a volunteer health worker for 10 years.

With a modest allowance of just P500 a month from the municipal government and no guarantee of food or other benefits, a commitment to the community is a prerequisite for this work.

Such commitment seems to characterize the campaign and can be found at every level.

The campaign has drawn on the volunteerism of Rotarians, the funding of international organizations—Unicef provided the vaccines and the World Health Organization contributed $1.6 million in funds—as well as the personal dedication of officials involved.

Preparations

Cainta's municipal health officer, Dr. Olga Alegro-Abellanosa, says she has had polio in her mind since preparations for the campaign began in early January.

"Even when I go to sleep, I'm still thinking of polio," she laughs.

She uses all her wits and resources to push the campaign. She makes simple vaccine carriers herself with polystyrene boxes and foam, rather than waste precious campaign funds on costly ready-made carriers.

"My children and I did it during the evenings. It took us five days," she says.

One of the hardest parts, she says, was getting everyone's support.

"When I first heard about it, I said, 'Oh! That's a very big problem!' I knew it would be hard," she says.

Many are initially unenthusiastic. The municipal government questioned why local funds should be used for a national project.

"They didn't understand the significance of the campaign. They were probably thinking, why spend so much money on polio when there are no more cases?"

New strain

A good question. But Dr. Abellanosa explains to them the campaign is critically important.

A new, rare virus is now circulating in the country and has already struck three children with polio. The virus is not wild poliovirus, but had mutated from the vaccine—a process that can only occur as a result of low immunization coverage.

The only way to wipe out this new virus is to boost immunization coverage nationwide—and it will have to be a door-to-door campaign to ensure all children are reached.

To win community support, Dr. Abellanosa holds a "sales" conference, inviting civic organizations, the president of homeowner associations, religious leaders and barangay councilors.

One of her workers, Delia Lopez, whose face, one arm and voice still bear the legacy of childhood polio, speaks during one of those conferences.

"It's hard to have polio," Delia tells the crowd in a stammering voice. "When people see you, they laugh at you. This is a disease that makes you very lonely."

"I pray to God that there will be no more children who get sick with polio like I did. That is why I am appealing to all of you to please support the Patak Polio."

At the end of her speech, she not only wins the crowd, she has them all in tears.

Like an election

Mayor Nicanor Felix drops his initial reluctance and embraces the campaign enthusiastically.

"This is like an election campaign you know—it's very hard, and has to be done door-to-door," he says with a grin.

With the huge media blitz, awareness of the campaign is high. The municipal government's motorcade attracts an enthusiastic response from many residents.

"One man stopped his car and told us he would not be at home at the time. He asked us to immunize his four children, giving a very detailed description of his house," Dr. Abellanosa says.

In Floodway Kabisig, even the little children know about the campaign. They proudly show their marked tiny fingernails to passing health workers.

Occasionally, there were mothers who were initially reluctant to offer their children for immunization. But the health workers patiently persevered, revisiting homes if necessary.

Their efforts paid off.

By Feb. 8, after a week of the campaign, about 98 percent of the target group had been immunized.

This feat was achieved because of the dedication and sheer resolve of health workers. The story in Cainta was repeated in countless other municipalities in the country.

But for these tireless health workers, it is not yet time to rest on their laurels. It is back to the grind once again for the second immunization round.

GMA: Wheels of justice will have to continue rolling

By Dona Z. Pazzibugan

THE TRIAL of Joseph Estrada will continue despite his dismissal of his lawyers and his declaration of loss of faith in the judicial system.

Speaking in her program, "May Gloria ang Bukas Mo," which aired for the last time yesterday, President Macapagal-Arroyo said of her predecessor: "Come what may, whatever he says, we have our process . . . The wheels of justice will just have to continue rolling."

She also pointed out that "under our law, once you submit yourself, you cannot just unilaterally get out of the jurisdiction of the court."

The President is confident that Estrada can no longer rally the urban poor to rise up against her administration.

She said Estrada had lost the support of the urban poor because her administration had delivered what he could only promise: their own land.

"We fulfilled what was only promised before," she said, adding that 150,000 urban poor families had been given the right to buy the land they were occupying.

Other public land occupied by urban poor will also be awarded to them, she said.

The President said the Estrada camp could no longer count on the urban poor who joined last year's siege of Malacañang to take part in another uprising.

"Many of them will no longer join because they just want to finish their payment (for their land) or wait for the (government) proclamation (so they can buy their land)," she said.

Destabilization

The President said Estrada's refusal to go through with his trial was part of another attempt to destabilize her administration.

"They have been attempting (and) they almost succeeded on May 1 (2000)," she said. "They attempted again on Jan. 20 (the first anniversary of People Power II). They're forever attempting. Now whether they will succeed this time is another matter."

Ms Macapagal said it was "really very sad" that a former President should say that he had no more faith in the judicial process.

She reminded Estrada that he swore to uphold the Constitution when he took his oath of office.

She pointed out that he submitted to the court's jurisdiction when he allowed himself to be arraigned and tried.

Now, he cannot suspend the trial just because he fired his lawyers as the court can assign lawyers to defend him, she said.

Independence

Senate President Franklin Drilon defended the judiciary from the attack of the political opposition, saying this branch of government had remained independent and fair.

In a statement, Drilon called on opposition politicians to desist from further eroding the people's faith in the judicial system in the interest of law and order.

He objected to insinuations that the supposed political plans of Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr. had influenced some decisions of the Supreme Court.

"There is no basis for the accusation that Justice Davide or the judiciary has become politicized," Drilon said. "I call on our political leaders to be more circumspect in their pronouncements because they can do irreparable damage to our judiciary, which is the bedrock of our democratic system." ***With a report from Cynthia D. Balana***

The tear-jerker was no movie

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warming silence swept through the cold corridor of the ABS-CBN studios in Quezon City. There was hardly a dry eye among those who saw it happen.

"I wish I could've gone to her instead," Sharon told the Inquirer. However, she knew that time was running out for Clarisse. And that was the soonest time she could meet Clarisse while she was taping her Sunday show.

For the past three months, Clarisse has been confined at the East Avenue Medical Center (EAMC) for a very aggressive soft tissue tumor called "Ewing's Sarcoma." Her dying wish was to see her idol Sharon Cuneta and hear her sing "Mr. DJ."

"Ate Shawie (Sharon's nickname) sings very well and I always watch her show every Sunday," Clarisse told the Inquirer in a hardly audible voice.

"Mr. DJ" was always the favorite of Clarisse when she sang in her church choir. It is the song she would sing often while watching her idol on VCD.

Wheeled into the ABS-CBN studios, her face lit up with excitement. She was with her parents, Ma. Elena, a housewife, and Freddie, a driver who's jobless. They take turns looking after their little girl. Their two other daughters are left in the care of their grandmother in Isabela.

Excruciating pain

Clarisse wears a body brace and moves around in a wheelchair. It takes much effort for her to simply just get on or off the wheelchair because the slightest movement causes her excruciating pain.

That afternoon though, with chemotherapy drugs flowing through her i.v. tubes, she braved the 15-minute ride to the studio accompanied by her parents, Dr. Dang Sapla, an EAMC Intern and Girlie Garcia, executive director of KYTHE, a volunteer support group that ministers to the emotional and psychological needs of young cancer patients.

Sharon had left word with the studio guards about Clarisse. While waiting for a break in Sharon's taping, Clarisse and her companions chatted up with the star's Yaya Luring.

Sharon was wrapping up a take with guests Fritz Ynfante, Douglas Nierras and James Cooper. Upon being told by longtime driver Nelson that Clarisse was waiting for her, she immediately excused herself from her guests and rushed to where Clarisse is.

She hugged her. Wearing a black dress and a maroon wig, Sharon bent over and asked Clarisse what song she wanted to hear. The young girl, shyly replied, "Mr. DJ." Thus, ensued that scene straight out of a tear-jerker.

Sharon asked Clarisse if she wanted to watch the taping of show. Clarisse nodded her head and Sharon wheeled her into the studio and gave explicit instructions to her staff to seat Clarisse where she could get a good view of the show.

After bidding Clarisse goodbye, she rushed back to her dressing room for a quick change.

Clarisse watched the show for about half an hour.

"She was very happy because she saw Sharon and heard her sing," her mother said. When asked how she felt after meeting her idol, Clarisse replied in a whisper, "I am so very happy, and she's beautiful and she smells good, too."

Before leaving her dreamland, Clarisse was wheeled back to Sharon's dressing room. Once more, Sharon came out to greet her new friend, to shake hands and thank everyone who had come with Clarisse that afternoon. "Thank you for making this evening truly meaningful."

Back at the hospital, exhausted but extremely happy, Clarisse fell asleep with a smile.

Daze

Sharon invited Clarisse after KYTHE executive director, Girlie Garcia, contacted the Inquirer about the ailing girl's request. The message was forwarded to Sharon who without thinking twice invited the young girl to watch the taping of her show.

When told that she would be meeting her Ate Shawie, Clarisse became very excited but was in a daze.

"She couldn't quite believe that her dream was coming true," Garcia said. "Until the time that we were dressing her up, she still could not believe it."

Palliative

Garcia said that Clarisse's course of treatment was a mere palliative.

"We are just trying to make her as comfortable as we can, trying to tame the cancer from hitting her brain," she explained.

The cancer had started out with a small cyst in her armpit when she was 3 years old. Not properly diagnosed, the cyst recurred again just as soon as it would be taken out.

It was only late last year that a proper diagnosis was made at the UST Hospital when she was diagnosed to have some form of breast cancer. "While she was growing, the cyst was also growing. But she kept it from us. Clarisse endured her suffering," her mother told the Inquirer in Filipino.

When asked if they have accepted their daughter's fate, Ma. Elena softly replied, "It's in God's hands. What we would like to give to her is the best way we can care for her, and we pray that she would not be in too much pain."

Young Albay women honor 108-year-old great-grandmother

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lege of being seated in an abaca reclining cot in the first row, along with other women aged 90 to 108 inside the air-conditioned Albay Astrodome.

An aide served her a sandwich and massaged her temple in between sips of a cold drink from a tetrapak.

"*Primero ini sa buhay ko. Dai ako kaini tuod* (This is the first time in my life. I can't believe this)," she told the INQUIRER during the program.

"She can't hear you well, so you have to talk louder—short of shouting—if you want her to hear you," advised her eldest son Demetriou, 84, also in Bicol.

Demetriou volunteered to be the spokesperson for her "May," an endearing Bicolano term for mother.

He said it was indeed uncharacteristic of his mother to be the center of attention.

"All her life, *May* was the one who did the serving and helping both in our small farm and at home for everyone in the family, including her grandchildren," said Demetriou, who himself has 29 grandchildren.

Super genes

Despite having lived in grinding poverty, given birth to and raised 16 children (nine by her first marriage and seven by a second), and buried two husbands and several of her children, Borlagdatan was blessed with extraordinarily strong and long-living genes.

Long life and good health, according to Demetriou, ran in the family.

He said his father, Roman, who married his mother when she was barely 16, was 118 when he died in 1948.

Roman had three brothers who outlived most of their neighbors. Fabian lived until 110; Ceriaco, 83, and Nemesio, 79.

Macaria has two living sisters: Ogenia, 72, and Felipa, 66.

"I think she has enough strength to live another two years, or more," he said.

Demetriou has lived all his life near his mother and has known her the longest.

He lived in a nipa farmhouse in Barangay Bantayan, Tabaco City, when he was young and moved to another hut in San Isidro-Iraya, Malilipot, where he now lives near the hut of her widowed sister who takes care of their mother.

He said the members of his family lived very simple lives. Even until now, they believe that indoor plumbing and electricity are but luxuries for the rich.

"In all these years, my mother never went to see a doctor or took medicine that cannot be found in our backyard," he said.

Her mother's hearing difficulty and poor vision are but natural to a person her age, according to Demetriou, who has been a practicing *hilot* or barefoot doctor, and *partira*, one who helps deliver birth.

"Otherwise, she is still a healthy person," he added.

Clean living

Demetriou said his father and mother made sure that drinking, smoking and other vices never had a chance to gain a foothold in the family.

"Both of them enforced discipline by honest example. They never had to enforce it beyond a calm voice, which I do now to my children and grandchildren," he said.

TONY MACASINAG

GENEROUSLY praised, lavished with gifts, Macaria Borlagdatan is center of attention at the start of Women's Month in Albay.

He remembered his father as a good husband who was never a burden to his dutiful mother.

"In fact," he said, "he made my mother happy before he died not long after the Japanese occupation."

"He convinced my mother to crack the *alkansiya* (piggybank), dressed us all and bundled us into a hired big car, and we went to see a silent movie. We had the best time of our life. But that night, he died silently in sleep," Demetriou recalled.

Macaria's education, or the lack of it, might have somewhat contributed to her long life.

Not having gone beyond *katon*, an equivalent of the *kartilya*, the basic education in the Tagalog regions popular among the Filipinos during Dr. Jose Rizal's time and much later, Macaria married her first husband Roman when she was barely 16.

Her mother had to face the burden of motherhood and running a household and helping her husband in the farm, yet she dreamed of being a *katekista* (catechist), he said.

It was not an unfulfilled dream altogether because she had her hands full, teaching catechism and religious instructions to her fast-growing brood.

Demetriou said members of his family, especially his mother, rarely ate fish and meat because they were poor.

"It has been rice and vegetables in almost every meal. We grow in our backyard most of what we eat, as well as our medicines," he said.

Adela, 46, the youngest child of Macaria by her second marriage, said she had been tasked with taking care of her mother, especially after her husband died.

She said her mother had grown weaker and had to be aided when walking.

"Her diet consists mostly of *lugaw* (rice porridge) but she never complains," she said.

For her medicinal and tonic drinks, Macaria takes a special brew of *lakad bulan*, a popular Bicolano drink made from the boiled leaves of a tropical tree of the same name.

It is believed to be a cure for a variety of ailments—from fever to painful menstruation.

She also chews *ugbas*, (*nganga* in Tagalog), which is a concoction of betel nut, lime and *buyo* leaf.

Thanking God

Lined up with Macaria in that row were eight other remarkable Albay women hunched on plastic chairs. They were also honored by the provincial government and various women's groups.

The centenarians were Josefina Dayson, 108, of It-Ba, Manito; Natalia Bonos, 102, of Panal, Tabaco; and Emeliana Marjalino, 100, of Sipi, Daraga.

The other honorees were Abelina Rufin, 97, of Maguiron, Guinobatan; Severa Carino, 97, of Balading, Malinao; Aurora Dayandante, 96, of Tinampo, Ligao City; Dominga Balgemino, 96, of Bogtong Legazpi City; Emerenciana Lim, 94, of Barangay 2, Camalig, and; Frisca Saret, 90, of Poblacion, Rapu-Rapu.

Eight other honorees failed to make it to the occasion.

Their lives have been lived differently. But they have more in common with each other than their deeply lined faces, silver hair or involuntary shaking of heads.

Each one of those rheumy eyes and faltering voices said thanks to God for life's blessings, which brought her faithful and loving relatives and friends.

And now, a better understanding and acceptance to their plight and removing fears of getting old in a society so preoccupied with youth and the temporal things related to it.

Perhaps, now Albayanos read the words of recognition etched in their plaques as the province's "oldest women" differently and reverently.

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ANTI-CLIMACTIC

Canlubang wins record 11th PAL title

By Al S. Mendoza

BACOLOD CITY—When will it stop? Or, will it ever be stopped?

Take it from Luigi Yulo, that adroit Canlubang team captain, whose victory statement yesterday was: "Eleven is a nice number. It'd surely be nicer with a 12 next year."

So there. Yulo will not stop at torpedoing the field come next year's 58th PAL Interclub in Davao City. He practically has the same powerhouse lineup to do it again in 2003.

Yulo's charges closed out yesterday's final round minus drama, their record 11th PAL title already secured the day before. The formalities for a victory were but a repeat of last year's scenario—a stroll on moonlight bay.

Canlubang's winning margins in 2000 and 2001 were plus-10s. This year, it was 19 from last year's 12.

For the record, Rolly Viray made 34, JR Tanpinco 33, Abe Rosal 32 and Boyet Saragoza 31 for Canlubang's last-day effort of 130.

That was three points short of CAP-Southwoods' 133 as CAP-Southwoods got some degree of consolation by outscoring Canlubang for the first time in four days.

Canlubang totalled 129-129-130-130=518 to CAP-Southwoods' 126-119-121-133.

The horizons don't seem to show a different picture for next year's hostilities.

CAP-Southwoods will seem to content itself again with being a bridesmaid.

"Canlubang is really a powerful team," said CAP-Southwoods' Jeric Hechanova. "But we will try again next year. We will not stop until we crush the Canlubang party."

CAP-Southwoods' back-to-back runner-up finishes relegated surprising Del Monte to third overall. Del Monte had 111-113-119-129=472.

Luisita, the back-to-back champion in 1997 and 1998, was fourth overall in the five-to-play, four-to-count format that gives 3 points to a birdie, 2 to a par and 1 to a bogey.

Luisita, the PAL Seniors champion for the 10th time last Sunday, made only 119 yesterday and totalled 468 adding its earlier 112-114-123. Fifth was Wack Wack 105-101-110-93=409 and sixth Sta. Elena 93-72-85-77=327.

The Founders Division provided the last-day drama when Jong Laput caused the downfall of Forest Hills in bitter development in this annual event that began in 1948 at Wack Wack.

Laput made a wrong drop when his ball rested on the cart path, transforming his par to double bogey that left him with a zero on No. 4.

Laput's discarded 2 points gave Cebu CC a one-point victory over Forest Hills.

Cebu CC scored 107-91-103-115=416 against Forest Hills' 115-106-91-103=415. Third was Riviera with 101-95-112-98=406. Negros was fourth 103-94-97-99=393, nipping by one Manila Golf Club (113-84-89-106=392).

The tournament was sponsored by Fortune Tobacco, Boeing, RMN/E! Television, Airbus, NBC/MTV, ABS-CBN Int'l, Premier Wines & Spirits, Smart Communications and Pilipinas Shell.

Among the corporate sponsors were PLDT, Tanduay, Asia Brewery, 96.3 W Rock, Pagcor, UMBN, Century Park Hotel, 105.1 Crossover, GE Aircraft Engines and Mandarin Oriental Hotel.

Other results:

Sportswriters—Guinhalaran 94-84-97-80=355, Team L.A. 72-89-82-99=342, Davao 73-84-96-86=339, Pittsburgh 79-61-86-102=328, Capitol Hills 82-84-81-80=329.

Friendship—Crystal Springs 71-78-73-73=295, South Cotabato 76-68-73-74=291, Mabuhay 66-68-64-79=277, Cotabato 57-60-56-49=222, Moffett Field 54-50-60-49=213.

ABE Rosal of Canlubang prepares to putt from outside the green. Rosal went on to score a 32 for his team. JESS YUSON

Jun's real lament

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

BACOLOD CITY—Jun Coscolluela suffers from occasional pain arising from an accident he had incurred 15 years ago. But that's not what hurts him most.

Golf. Since the freak accident, Jun could not play golf anymore the way he used to.

"Golf has been practically my life from the day I learned to play the game from my father," said Jun. "For 52 years, I played the game with undiminished passion. But since the accident, there's no more golf for me."

One night in 1987, Jun and his son were trying to push their car into the family garage. The car stalled just a few meters away from home. The road was made slippery by a steady drizzle. Suddenly, from out of the blue, a stray dog appeared from behind and appeared like it was ready to attack Jun.

"I tried to hit the doggone thing with my golf umbrella, but I missed," he said. "Crazy, wasn't it? I can hit a golf ball blindfold but not a dog!"

In his struggle to break free from the dog, he slipped in the mud and fell. The dog, stunned, scampered away. But when Jun tried to rise, he felt a numbing pain in his left hip. Dislocated.

Surgeons repaired it, but not after bracing it up with a foot-long steel that stretches down to near his knee.

"Stymie *ako sa* steel," he said. "Couldn't turn, couldn't shift weight anymore. I have not played real golf in 15 years now."

He had a round in 1998 at Marapara, courage being his main weapon as he plodded through 18 holes in almost six hours.

"I scored a 31-over-par," he said. "Since then, I told myself that's it. I won't insult myself again. I'm finished with golf."

Understandable. Jun is a three-time national amateur champion. He beat for the crown Merv Simpson in 1954, the legendary Luis "Golem" Silverio in 1957 and Dan Moore in 1960.

Jun now walks with a limp.

"My left leg is shorter now by three fingers," he said. "The hard part is, I can't sit long, I can't lie long. I need to move all the time as me at rest makes me uncomfortable. I can't even lie on a soft bed."

Jun, 5-foot-10, has lost 60 pounds. But he hasn't lost his wit, though. Down to 138 pounds from 198, his sense of humor has remained his lasting trademark.

He said his father, who also excelled as a shot put artist aside from being a single-digit handicapper, lived to a full life of 90.

"So, despite my condition, I am determined to hit 90, and maybe more who knows," said Jun, 76.

But he has one real lament he couldn't quite overcome: since the accident, his sex urge has been drastically affected.

"I now want people to call me Poten instead of Jun," he said. "Poten is short for impotence. The last time I made love was more than two years ago. Thus, my wife now calls herself a virgin."

Els takes control; Tiger 4 off

MIAMI—Even with 25 mph (40 kph) gusts making the Blue Monster play two strokes harder, the Big Easy made it look like a breeze Friday in the Genuity Championship.

Ernie Els saved par from thick rough behind the 18th green to polish off a 5-under 67 and take a two-stroke lead over Briny Baird going into the weekend, with Tiger Woods lurking four strokes back and in serious contention for the first time this year.

They call Els the "Big Easy" because of his fluid swing and easy demeanor, although he preferred a little tougher test at Doral. That's what he got in the second round, with wind so strong that flagsticks were bending.

"I felt like conditions were pretty tough, but I was looking forward to it," said Els, who was at 11-under 133. "I just think the golf course needs a bit of breeze and a bit of wind to make it a little bit more difficult for the players.

"It gives the guys that are really playing well an opportunity to show that they are playing good."

He missed only six greens, but usually in the right place from which to save par. Els is the only player in the field that has not made a bogey.

Baird had a 66 and will be in the final group Saturday in his hometown.

Woods was in the group at 137 after an adventurous 2-under 70, the first time he has broken par in the second round this year. Only four strokes behind, it is the closest he has been to the leaders through 36 holes this year. *AP*

TAKEFUJI CLASSIC

Japanese leads Kane by 2 shots

WAIKOLOA, Hawaii—Kasumi Fujii shot a 9-under-par 61 on Friday to take a two-stroke lead over defending champion Lorie Kane during the second round of the season-opening Takefuji Classic.

Fujii, one of two Japanese tour players who received sponsor exemptions, took advantage of mild and balmy conditions at Waikoloa Beach Resort to finish two rounds at 13-under 127.

Twelve-year-old Michelle Wie, the youngest player to earn a spot in an LPGA Tour event through a Monday qualifier, shot a 4-over 74 to finish two rounds at 6-over 146.

The seventh grader from Honolulu had little chance of making the cut for the final round in her LPGA Tour debut.

"The best part was being inside the ropes," she said. "Before, I would always have to be on the outside."

Her only disappointment was not meeting Annika Sorenstam.

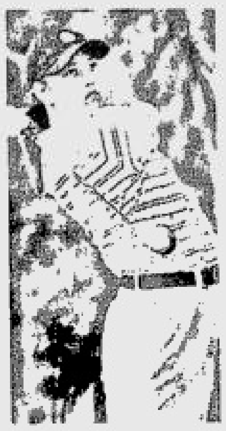
"I saw her today on the putting green," Wie said. "I don't know why I didn't talk to her. I felt kind of like a shy thing."

Wie said her work is not over. She has to prepare for her real tests next week - including math and Chinese.

"Now I have to study," Wie said. "I have to make up a week of school."

Sorenstam, who has two runner-up finishes at the Takefuji in as many years, made five birdies and a bogey during her 66 and was three strokes back at 130. Her only bogey came when she three-putted No. 4.

Sorenstam, the LPGA player of the year, is coming off an eight-win season and a playoff victory over Karrie Webb last week in the Australian Ladies Masters. *AP*



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NSAs urge POC to release fund

By Marc Anthony Reyes

NATIONAL sports associations which are promised financial assistance by the Philippine Olympic Committee as early as last year are now pressing for the release of their budget which will be used for the Asian Games preparations.

The International Olympic Committee last year decided to bankroll the training of chosen athletes from six NSAs through the POC, which in turn asked the NSAs for lists of eligible athletes and their training program.

However, the NSAs, including those in track and field, judo, shooting, taekwondo, archery and fencing, have yet to receive the subsidy from the POC this late in their training for the Asiad.

In fact, marathoner Christabel Martes already competed in the Hong Kong marathon championships two weeks ago even without the promised financial assistance from the POC through the IOC's International Olympic Solidarity Program.

Athletics chief Go Teng Kok said his wards are set to compete in six more international competitions en route to the Asiad in Busan, South Korea in September.

"I already talked to (POC secretary general) Romy Ribaño about the assistance but he told me to shoulder Christabel's expenses first," said Go. "I hope when my two other athletes compete in the next few months, they will be able to enjoy such benefit the POC promised."

All set for Elorde Annual Awards night March 25

PHILIPPINE champions in various divisions will be honored in the second Elorde Banquet of Champions-Annual Awards Night, the most prestigious award in professional boxing, on March 25 at the Hotel Intercontinental Manila.

Johnny Elorde, son of the great Filipino world champion Flash Elorde, in whose memory the awards are given, said 18 Philippine champions will be feted during the annual Elorde awards.

The Philippine champions will receive their award from Vice President Teofisto Guingona, who has been invited by the Elorde clan to present the awards to Boxer of the Year Manny Pacquiao, 13 other international and world champions and all Philippine titleholders in 2001.

Four professional boxers kept their Philippine crown for 12 months while seven were unbeaten during the period of six months or more that they defended their title.

The champions who reigned from January to December are superbantamweight Dindo Olivetti, superfeatherweight chamion Randy Suico, lightweight Dennis Laurente and superlightweight Dindo Castanares.

Those who held their crown for six months or more are Ernesto Rubillar (miniflyweight, Jan.-July). Jovan Presbitero (lightweight, Jan.-Oct), Melvin Magramo (flyweight, Jan.-June and Dec.) Joel Avila (superflyweight, Jan.-Oct.) Abner Cordero (bantamweight, Jan.-July), Baby Lorona, Jr. (featherweight, Jan.-Nov.) Rey Pelonia (welterweight, April-Dec. and Ernie Alesna (superwelterweight, June-Dec.)

Capriati, Hingis, Williams reach semifinal round

SCOTTSDALE, Arizona—Top-seeded Jennifer Capriati, second-seeded Martina Hingis and third-seeded Serena Williams advanced Friday to the semifinals of the State Farm Classic.

Capriati, playing for the first time since winning the Australian Open in mid-January, shook off a slow start and defeated sixth-seeded Barbara Schett 7-5, 6-3. Capriati will face unseeded Nathalie Dechy in Saturday's semifinals.

Hingis recovered from an awful second set to get by eighth-seeded Daja Bedanova 6-4,0-6, 6-3. In Saturday's semifinals, Hingis will play Williams, who defeated Nicole Pratt 6-2, 7-5.

"I just got off to a slow start," said Capriati, whose match started an hour late because of long preceding matches.

Kournikova out

ACAPULCO, Mexico—Anna Kournikova was eliminated from the Abierto Mexicano Pegaso tournament on Friday, losing to Slovenia's Katarina Srebotnik 5-7, 6-3, 6-1. Srebotnik will face Paola Suarez of Argentina in the final Saturday. The seventh-seeded Suarez handily defeated top-seeded Elena Dementieva of Russia Fri , 7-5, 6-3.

Kafelnikov loses

DUBAI— Doubts about the commitment of a leading player were expressed for the second successive day here Friday at the Dubai Open after Yevgeny Kafelnikov, the Olympic and former French Open champion, slid to a startling 6-1, 6-1 defeat to Jiri Novak of the Czech Republic. *AP*

HERMIE BACKS RP OPEN

In response to the appeal of MMDA chair and wack Wack president Benjamin Abalos for support to the 87th RP Open Golf Championship, which reels off March 7 at the East Course, sportsman-businessman Hermie Esguerra (third from left) is shown handing over to Abalos his donation of P1.1 million in the name of sports and tourism development. The money represents the prize of Esguerra's champion horse Wind Blown in last week's First Gentleman Silver Cup at Santa Ana Park. Also shown (from left) are SP Malbarosa, Wack Wack general manager and co-chair of the RP Open organizing committee, and Bones Floro, Wack Wack golf director and RP Open tournament director.

Ferrari bets set fastest F1 times

MELBOURNE, Australia—Michael Schumacher led Ferrari teammate Rubens Barrichello in a 1-2 finish in all four practice sessions and set a lap record Saturday for pre-race rounds at the season-opening Australian Formula One Grand Prix.

Schumacher, the two-time defending champion in Melbourne, had the fastest time ever in practice or qualifying at Albert Park, covering the 5.303-kilometer (3.295-mile) street circuit in 1 minute, 26.177 seconds.

He was 0.154 seconds ahead of Barrichello. Despite using 2001-model Ferraris, both drivers were well inside the old Albert Park mark of 1:26.892 that Schumacher clocked to win pole position here last March.

The Ferraris were more than a second clear of Williams pair Juan Pablo Montoya and Ralf Schumacher, with McLaren duo David Coulthard and Kimi Raikkonen improving to fifth and sixth on Saturday following problematic opening sessions on Friday. Going into official qualifying later Saturday, Montoya was the best of the rest, clocking 1:27.394 to be 1.217 seconds behind Schumacher on a damp track. *AP*

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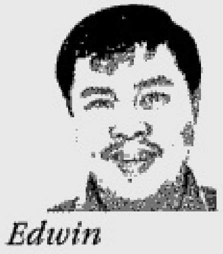
New Klub in town



ONE WINNER

Edwin Villanueva

THERE'S a new club in town and it's called the Don Juan Klub.

It was formed only a few weeks back with no less than Presidential son Mikey Arroyo acting as its interim president.

Will it rival the Marho, Philtobo or the S.H.O.P.?

Based on the list of its early members, the answer is no because most of those who compose the Don Juan Klub come from the three racing organizations.

Aside from Mikey, the club's other members are Putch Puyat, Sandy Javier, Hermie Esguerra, Rudy Mendoza, Myther Buñag, Jun Almeda, Nano Almeda, Sonny Arevalo, Tony Arevalo, Jess Cantos, Noel Cariño, Pamfilo Castro, Bayani Coching, Danny Coronel, Inocencio Crisostomo, Cito Esquivias, Eddie Gonzales, Jason Lim, Francisco Pamintuan, Rodolfo Pamintuan and Raymund Puyat.

The exclusive group, which was formed at Myther and Friends in Malate, was named after the champion horse Don Juan who made waves during the post-war period.

As *kareristas* love to say, welcome to the club!

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One of Hermie Esguerra's prized gallopers, Umaatikabo, died of heart failure last Thursday.

Hermie considers Umaatikabo a big loss because he sees in the Hazm colt another champion in the making.

"*Sayang na kabayo. Umaasa pa naman kami na gagaling pa siya at hula pa nga namin baka maging kagaya siya ni* Wind Blown," said Esguerra, who considers that incident as part of the horse racing business.

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Speaking of Hermie, not many a *karerista* know that the 47-year-old sportsman-businessman from Plaridel, Bulacan is also an avid golfer and one of golf's generous patrons.

Despite his hectic schedule, the long-hitting Hermie always finds time to play a few golf rounds at his homecourse—Wack Wack.

Only last Friday, Hermie threw his support to the 87th RP Open when he donated P1.1 million to the event which will start on March 7, a very special day for him.

The contribution Hermie gave came from Wind Blown's earnings in the recent First Gentleman Silver Cup race.

Indeed, Hermie gave the Open a real big boost!

BLAST FROM THE PAST

TODAY in 1990, Aguinaldo scored a 22-point margin over Luisita to rule the 43rd PAL Interclub golf championship in Davao City. Also today in 1993, Paeng Nepomuceno and Paulo Valdez tallied 1339 pins to capture the doubles category in the 10th TBAP Open championships at the Green Valley Lanes.

LAKERS BEAT PACERS

Bryant, Miller figure in brawl

LOS Angeles—Shaquille O'Neal had 33 points and 12 rebounds to lead Los Angeles past Indiana, 96-84, but the Lakers' Kobe Bryant and Pacers' Reggie Miller fought briefly on the court immediately after the game Friday night.

The melee spilled over onto the scorers' bench, with O'Neal apparently trying to play peacemaker.

Miller appeared to be walking toward Bryant after the game when the two suddenly started throwing punches.

That fight happened after an incident-free game in the rematch of O'Neal and Brad Miller, the former Chicago center O'Neal took a swing at Jan. 12 in Chicago.

Blazers 91, Raptors 81

Rasheed Wallace scored 20 points as the Portland Trail Blazers extended their winning streak to eight with a 91-81 victory over Toronto, the Raptors' 10th straight loss.

Damon Stoudamire added 19 points, and Dale Davis had 16 rebounds and 13 points for the Blazers, who have won five consecutive road games and 21 of 27 overall.

Vince Carter, playing his third game since coming off the injured list, scored 25 points for the Raptors, who are on their longest losing streak in four years. They dropped 13 in a row from March 20-April 12, 1998.

76ers 110, Nets 102

In Philadelphia, Allen Iverson, who did not start as punishment for being late to the morning shootaround, shook off a leg injury to score 43 points and lead Philadelphia past New Jersey.

Derrick Coleman added 20 points, Matt Harpring had 14 and Eric Snow had a season-high 13 assists for the Sixers. *AP*

Complete results:

Portland 91, Toronto 81; Philadelphia 110, New Jersey 102; Charlotte 100, Boston 87; New York 89, Seattle 87; Detroit 110, Orlando 102; San Antonio 85, Minnesota 77; Chicago 90, Washington 81; Denver 96, Memphis 83; L.A. Lakers 96, Indiana 84; Sacramento 116, Golden State 109. *AP*

WITH a cut on his left face, Bryant leaves the court after a fight with Miller. AP

Trades

NBA NOTES

Henry Liao

IN RECENT NBA history, there were three deadline-beating trades that eventually resulted in NBA championships for one of the trading parties months later.

In mid-February 1987, the LA Lakers acquired Mychal Thompson from the San Antonio Spurs to act as Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's chief backer in the middle. The end result: An NBA title in 1987 and another one the next campaign for the first successful title defense by a champion over an 18-year period.

The same situation occurred for the Detroit Pistons in mid-February of 1989. Back then, the Pistons were already legit NBA title contenders but they seemed unable to go over the hump, having to contend with the Larry Bird-powered Boston Celtics in the East and the Magic Johnson-led Lakers out West.

That's why the Motor City squad initiated a blockbuster trade following the All-Star break. The Pistons obtained high-scoring but problem-plagued forward Mark Aguirre from the Dallas Mavericks on Feb. 15, 1989 in exchange for the equally prolific scoring forward Adrian Dantley and a first-round draft choice.

It was a huge gamble since Aguirre had earned an unsavory reputation as a troublemaker during his Mavericks days. With the Pistons, however, Aguirre toned down his disruptive act and agreed to take a secondary role behind stars Isiah Thomas (now the Indiana Pacers coach), Joe Dumars, Dennis Rodman and Bill Laimbeer.

Alaska overwhelms Red Bull

Teams	W	L
Purefoods	3	0
Red Bull	3	1
Alaska	3	1
Hapee-RP	2	1
Talk N Text	2	1
Coke	2	2
Fedex	2	2
Sta. Lucia	1	2
Selecta-RP	1	2
Ginebra	1	3
Shell	1	3
San Miguel	0	3

GAMES TODAY:
(Philsports)
4 p.m.—Purefoods vs Coca-Cola
6 p.m.—Hapee-RP vs Selecta-RP

By June Navarro

BRAWNY Muntrelle Dobbins set the stage for a breakaway while Ron Riley finished the job for Alaska as the Aces routed Red Bull, 81-58, last night in the PBA Governors Cup at the Cuneta Astrodome.

Dobbins, a 6-foot-8 enforcer, clustered eight straight points in the third quarter that signaled the turn of an expected thriller between the league's leading teams into a boring encounter.

The flamboyant Riley, on the other hand, reinforced what Dobbins had started, hitting triples and jumpers from every angle to lead the Aces with 28 points.

Their efforts rubbed off to the rest of the Aces as they bounced back from a stinging 79-74 setback against Purefoods to pick up their third win in four outings.

In the other game, Barangay Ginebra turned back Shell, 80-72, to finally enter the win column.

Mark Caguioa, Jarrod Gee and Desmond Fergusson provided the spark in the final quarter as the Kings tied their victims at 1-3.

The Turbo Chargers played with only one reinforcement—Askia Jones—as new import Nantambu Willingham was barred to see action after failing to get a Games and Amusements Board clearance yesterday.

Scores:

ALASKA 81—Riley 28, Dobbins 15, Arigo 13, Allado 10, Gahol 6, Santos 4, Newton 3, Wallkvist 2, Yap 0, Lastimosa 0.

RED BULL 58—Nwosu 22, Bunn 12, Torion 5, Villoria 5, Miller 4, Valenzuela 3, Hizon 3, Locsin 2, Se 2, Tugade 0, Agapito 0.

Quarters: 18-12, 36-25, 63-37, 81-58.

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Race 5—1. Dream Play 2. Hostile Witness 3. Deputy Royale 4. Jade Louise
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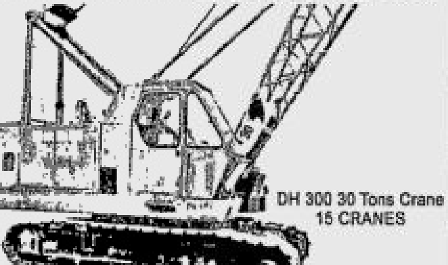
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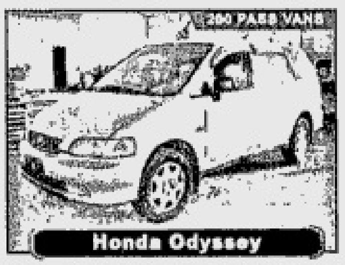
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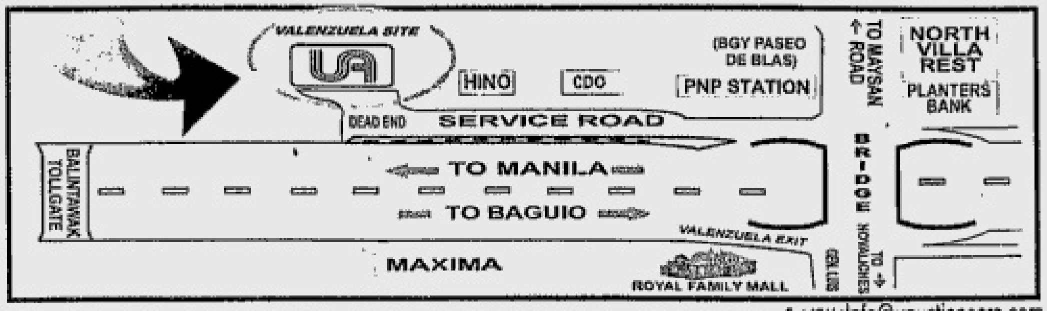

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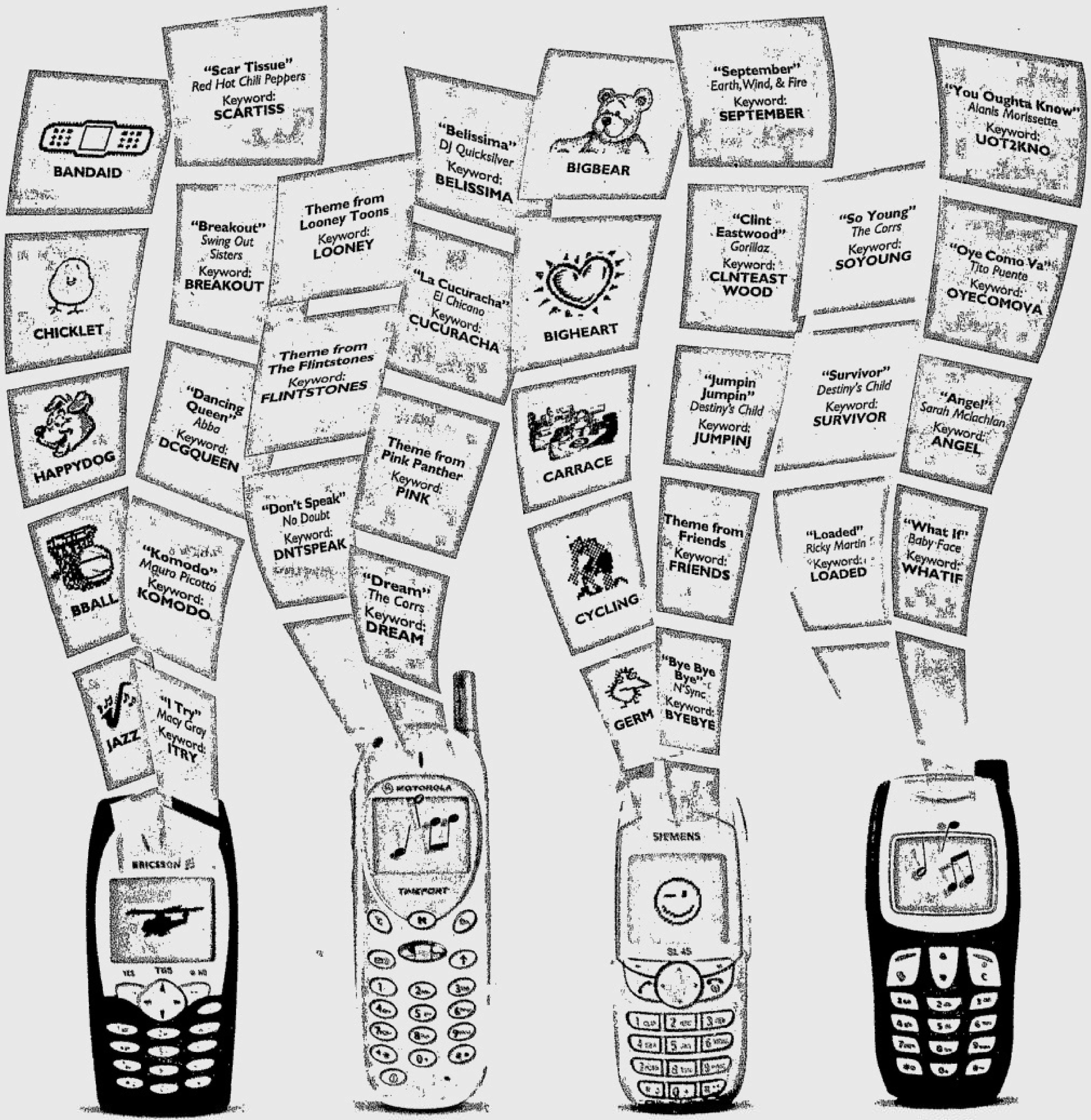
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No extension, no leniency

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Alcuin Papa

CAMPUS CAMPAIGN SUSPENDED

Rumble fears grip UP campus

By Agnes E. Donato

THE COURT ruling on the killing of University of the Philippines student Dennis Venturina has rekindled the fierce rivalry between the Sigma Rho and Scintilla Juris fraternities, stoking fears that a rumble on campus could break out among the members.

To head off clashes on campus, UP vice chancellor for student affairs Ma. Theresa Jazmines has suspended the campaign for the UP Student Council elections.

UP police said members of the rival frats figured in a shouting match on the steps of the Palma Hall in the Diliman campus Thursday afternoon, just a few hours after Judge Jose Mendoza of the Quezon City Regional Trial Court convicted five of 10 Scintilla Juris members for the murder of Sigma Rhoan Venturina in 1994.

But the campus policemen said they were doing everything to prevent the two fraternities from coming to blows.

A UP police official said they would try to "prevent (the members) from seeing each other."

"As you know, a lot of things can happen if one group even got a glimpse of the other group," the official said.

He said police are also making regular rounds of the campus to prevent frat members from gathering.

Jazmines, who also heads the USC electoral board, reportedly suspended the campaign period until March 5, to give the involved frats time to cool off.

She also moved the election from March 12 to March 15.

USC vice chair Mykel Andrada condemned frat violence, particularly the brewing tension between Sigma Rho and Scintilla Juris.

The student council, along with the Stand UP party and other student organizations, last Friday held a candle lighting ceremony and an indignation rally against campus violence.

VERY carefully is the best way to handle a cobra, says Rudy Irica.

Snake man takes peril by the tail

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

TALES OF THE CITY

THE MONITOR lizard or *bayawak* is often "kind," as well as some of the 10-foot pythons. The turtle is the easiest to take care of, and the iguana can make a nice pet.

These bits of reptilian lore come from Rudy Irica, who since 1986 has been the reptile handler of Manila Zoo, where he takes care of crocodiles, snakes, turtles and lizards.

Irica reserves his highest respect for the king cobra. He says it takes only a few seconds for the king cobra to inject its poison into the human blood stream. This is why he handles king cobras with the utmost care, he says.

He says his "wards" are temperamental, just like humans. "I have to think 100 times before I do anything with the cobra," he says. "I think of it as a worthy adversary, one that commands respect. When I handle them either at the zoo or in movies, my concentration is entirely on the snakes and I don't dare keep my eyes off them."

Because of his snake-handling skills, Irica is often tapped by filmmakers who need snakes in their movies. He handled snakes for several Italian pictures in the '80s as well as in Filipino movies. He brought 100 live snakes, like pythons and cobras, to the set of the movie "Zuma," a popular snake god character from a '70s *komiks* series.

For "Zuma," he put snakes on the shoulders of actor Max Laurel and scattered 30 to 40 other snakes on the floor. Irica says he can also make a cobra hiss on cue.

Like Zuma's daughter Galema, Irica grew up around snakes. His father Celedonio was a professional snake handler who hunted snakes for their venom, which was used in the making of antidotes to snake bites.

"My brother and I went with our father when he went hunting for snakes," Irica recalls. "My mother did not like it but we did it anyway."

Respect

Irica says he has grown to respect the generally feared and often misunderstood snakes, which are almost always used to symbolize evil. After all, it was from catching snakes that he and his siblings were able to go to school, although Irica himself was not able to finish.

He instead inherited the job of his father and then of his elder brother as reptile keeper, which he started to do in 1986. He has worked for the Manila Zoo since then, except for a short stint at the Kuwait Zoo where he also handled reptiles.

Irica's hands and his arms bear the marks of his dangerous job. He has spilled blood because of snake bites and has had very close encounters with the bigger reptiles. But he has yet to be bitten by a poisonous snake and he intends to keep it that way.

Overconfidence in handling these animals, he says, is a sure way to disaster.

"I read a lot of books about taking care of these animals and I apply what I learn in taking care of the different animals," he says. "Some techniques work and others don't. Sometimes, my way is better."

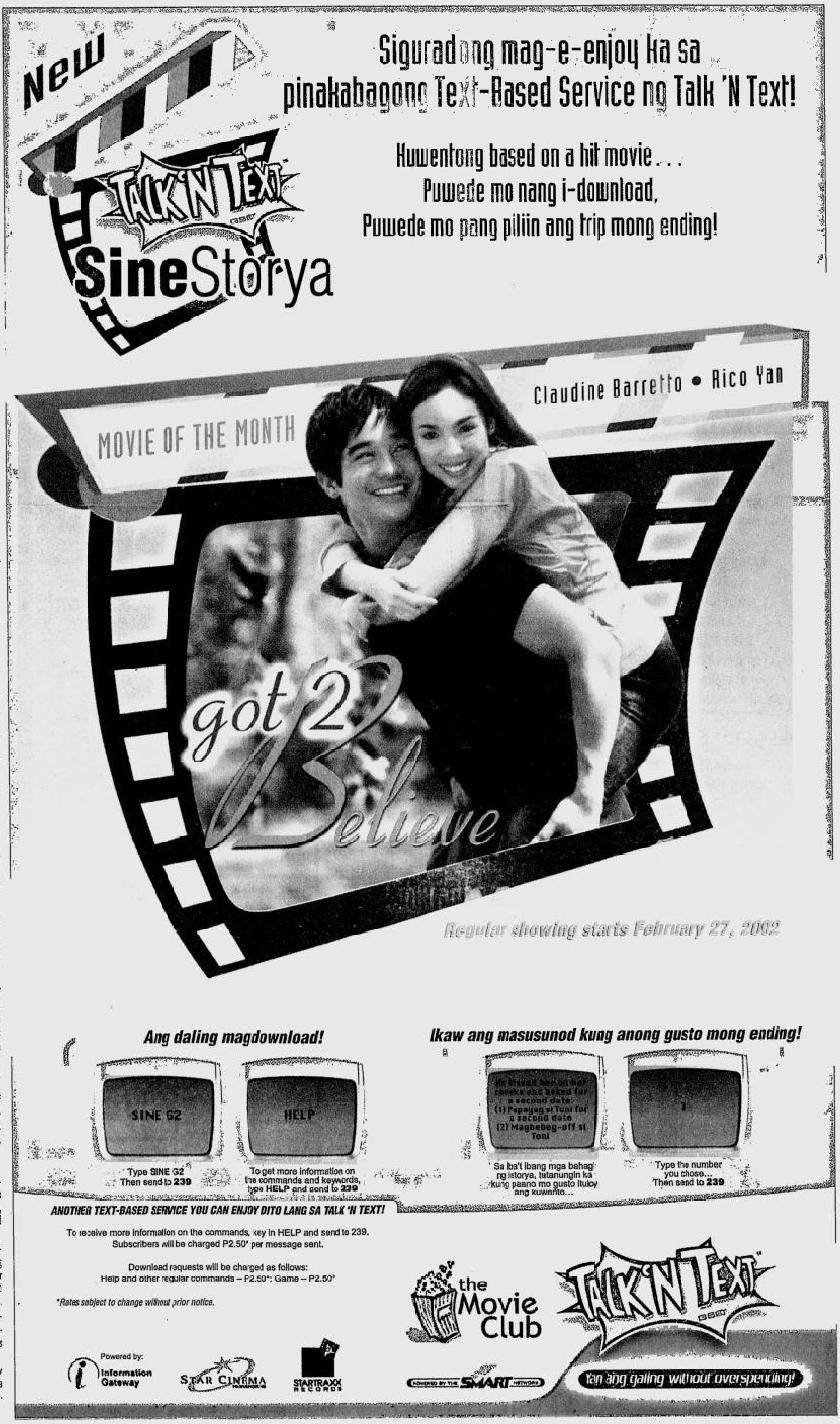
Rewarding

At the Manila Zoo, his duties include feeding the eight cobras, four Burmese python, six reticulated pythons, a handful of king snakes, eight crocodiles, and the iguanas, lizards and turtles.

He says cobras eat small chickens fast, pythons slowly squeeze the life out of a big chicken, and crocodiles surge out of the water to swallow the chickens almost whole and without spilling even a drop of chicken blood.

He once kept a cobra at home but he disposed of it because he noticed that his children, like him, were starting to handle snakes at a young age.

"If I can have my way, I will not allow even one of them to do the same job," Irica says. "But then again, it is a good job, a rewarding job."



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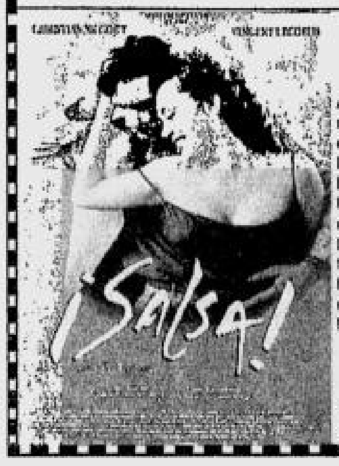

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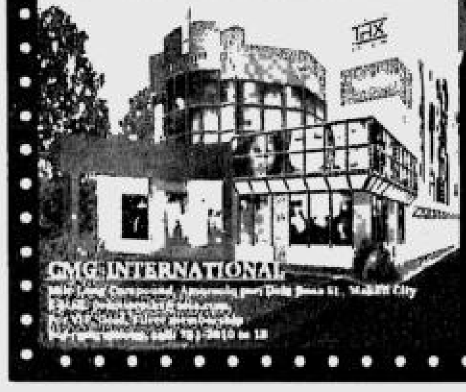

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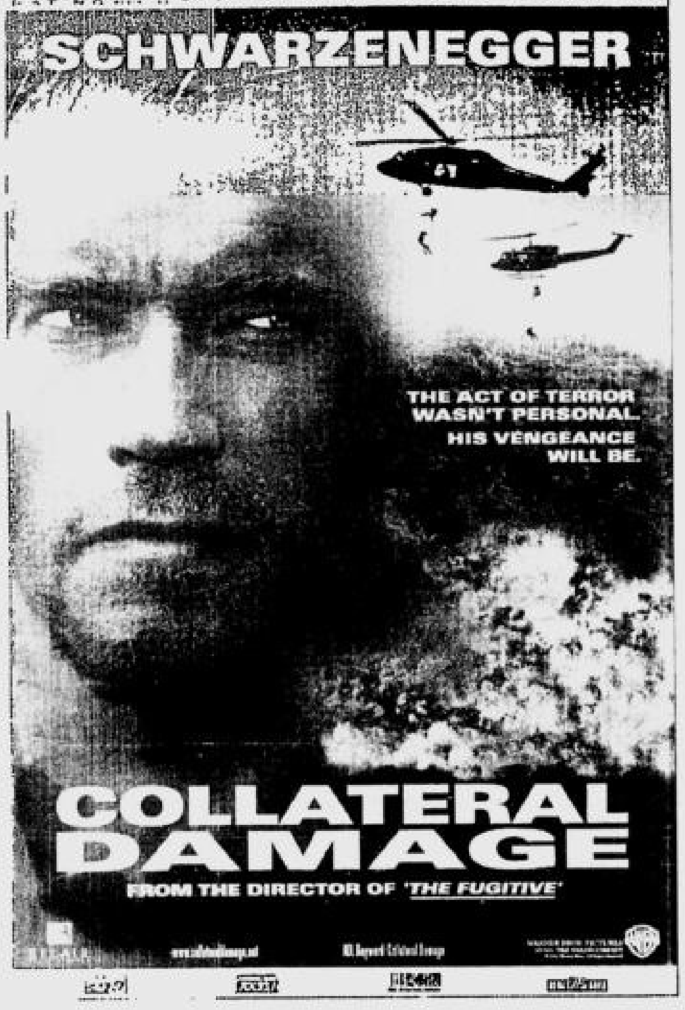
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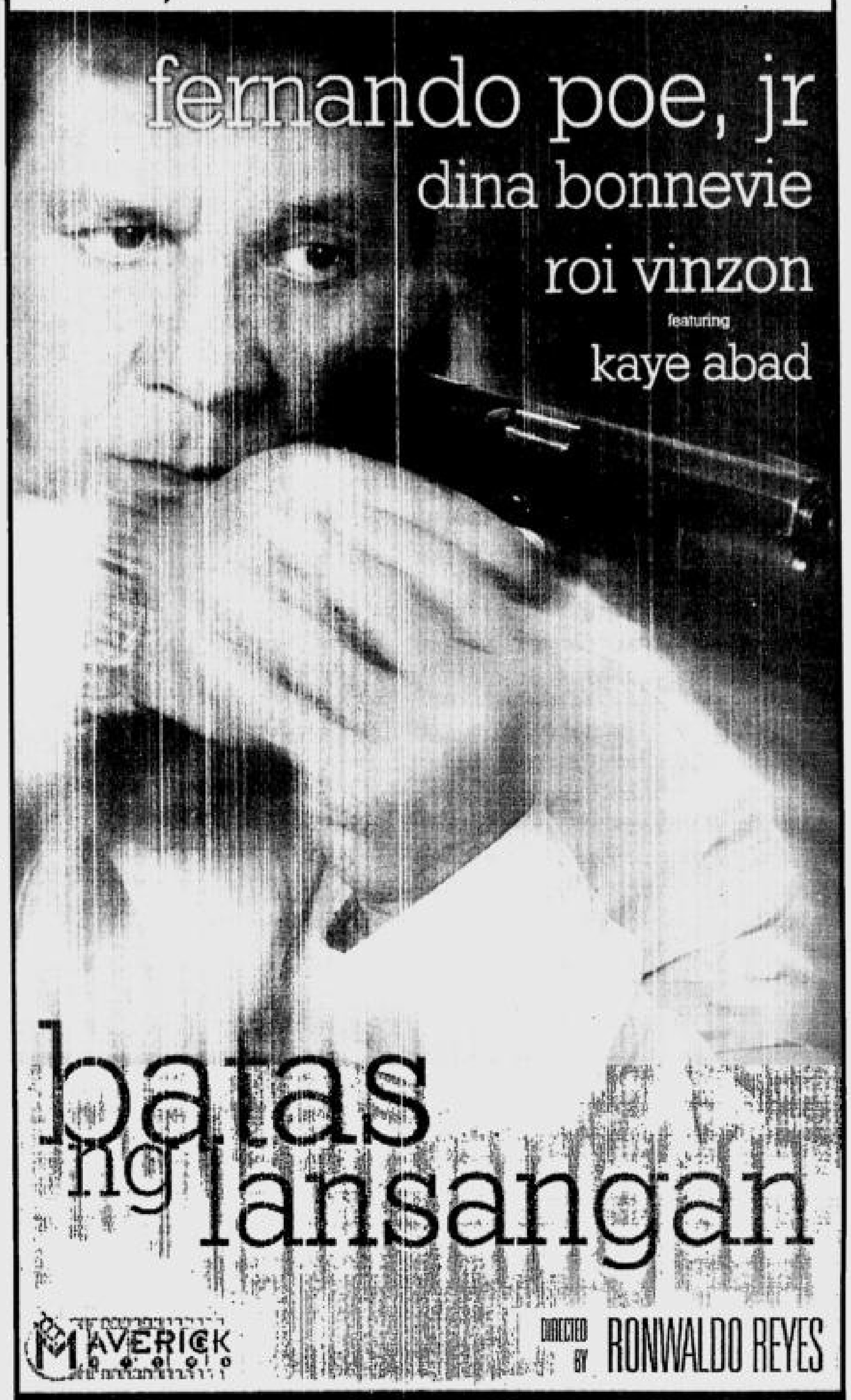
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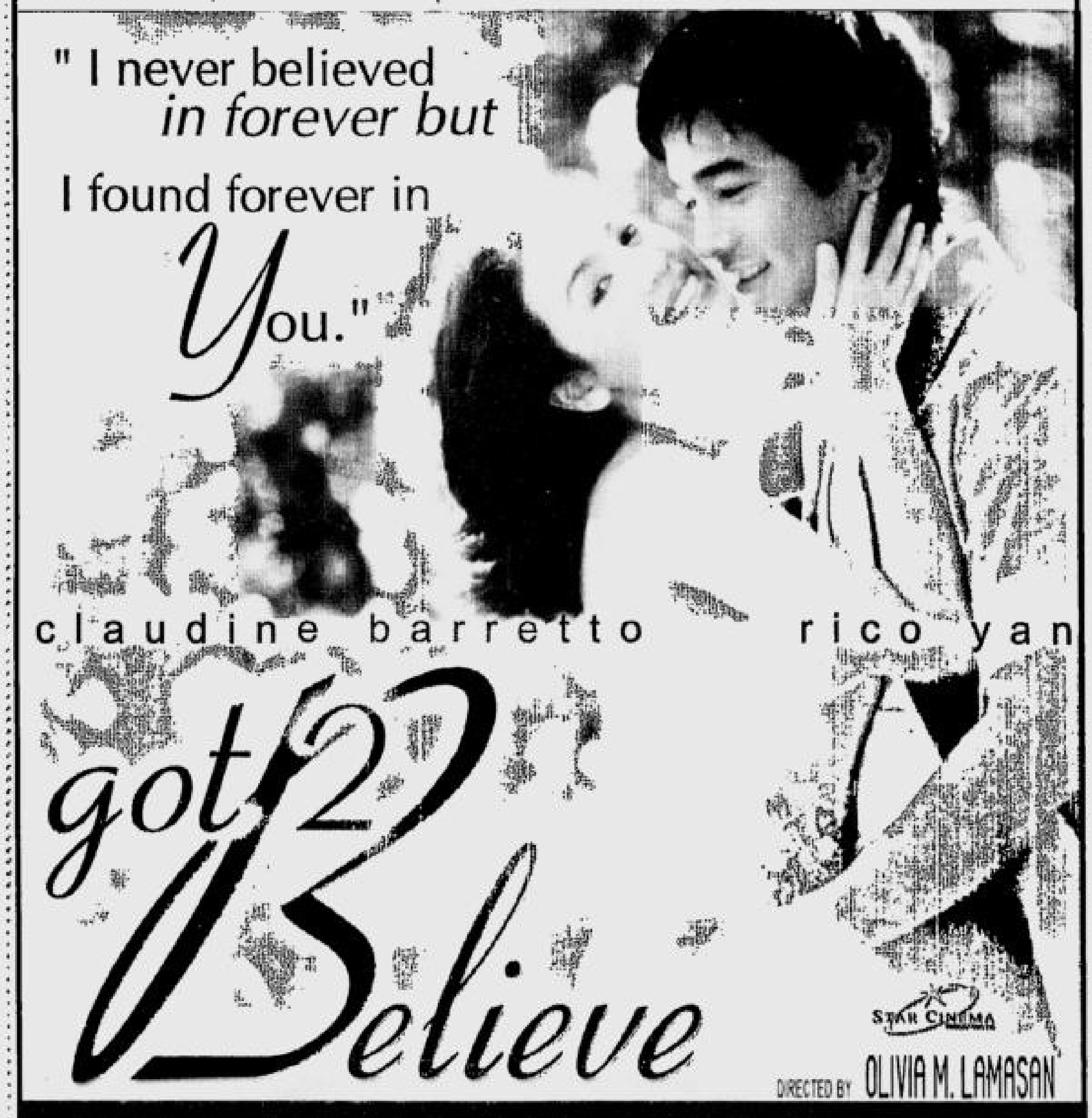
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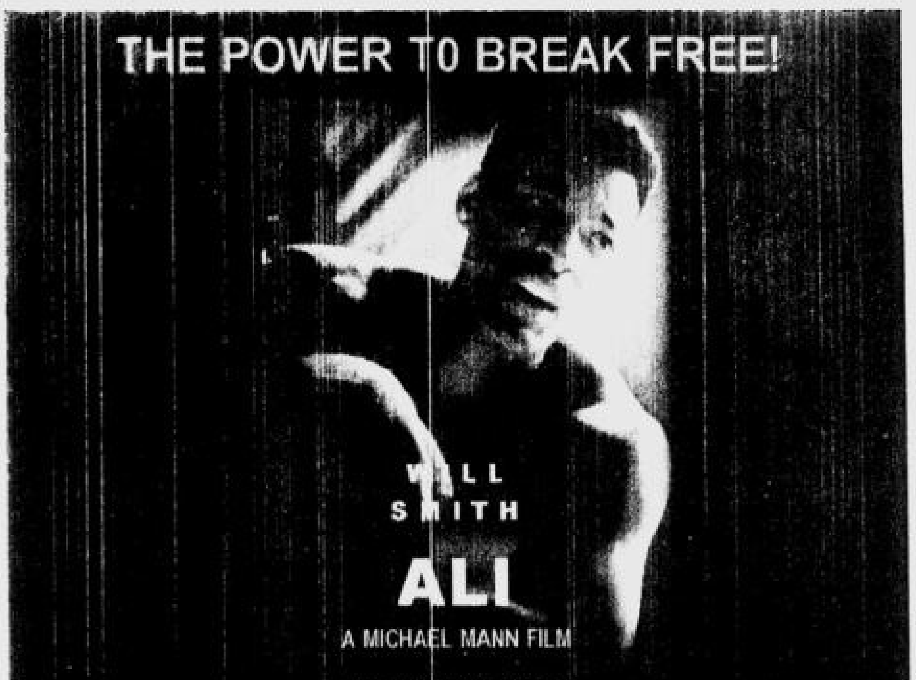
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Farrellys . . .

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ing for him are actually conventionally unattractive but kind-hearted women who are suddenly surprised that someone's paying attention to them.

He soon falls in love with Gwyneth Paltrow's Rosemary, a kind, witty and very obese Peace Corps and charity worker who also happens to be the daughter of Hal's boss (Steve Shanahan, who played Robert De Niro's bodyguard in "Analyze This").

Poignant

For most of the film, we see Gwyneth as Hal sees her—as Gwyneth Paltrow. But we are given glimpses of what she's supposed to really look like in certain scenes (using a body double at first and then finally when Gwyneth herself dons a fat suit ala Eddie Murphy in "The Nutty Professor").

Paltrow's endearing portrayal provides many poignant moments in the film. She perfectly gives off the timidity and vulnerability of someone who has endured the tragedies of living a very different life. We see someone who's so used to being mocked that she can't even recognize genuine interest and admiration. And it's made all the more awkward because we see the cover girl Paltrow for most of the film.

Contrasting Hal's view (and ours as well) with what the people around him see (the obese Paltrow) further emphasizes the absurdity of the prejudices big women have to face.

Despite the story's moral about going deeper than physical appearances, however, a good part of the film's humor actually comes from making fun of the "aesthetically deprived."

Risky

We're constantly and humorously reminded of what Hal's suddenly beautiful companions actually look like. We are treated to commonly used gags of fat people as we witness Rosemary's gargantuan appetite, her extraordinary underwear, and her furniture-crushing and pool-emptying displacement. There's even a guy in the film who walks around on all fours and constantly makes jokes about his being differently-abled.

It's risky material for a comedy especially during these politically correct times but the Farrellys don't seem to be making fun of people's imperfections as much as they are satirizing our culturally conditioned responses to these imperfections.

The funniest element in the film, for example, is the "shallowness" of Hal and his best friend Mauricio (Jason Alexander of "Seinfeld").

Mauricio represents a somewhat older and more obnoxious version of Hal. He is so flabbergasted by Hal's sudden inner beauty fetish that he tries all he can to restore his friend's perception of reality, thus providing the only conflict in the film's threadbare plot.

Will Hal be able to rise above his own shallowness? By then, it wouldn't matter much because we've all been served the lesson.

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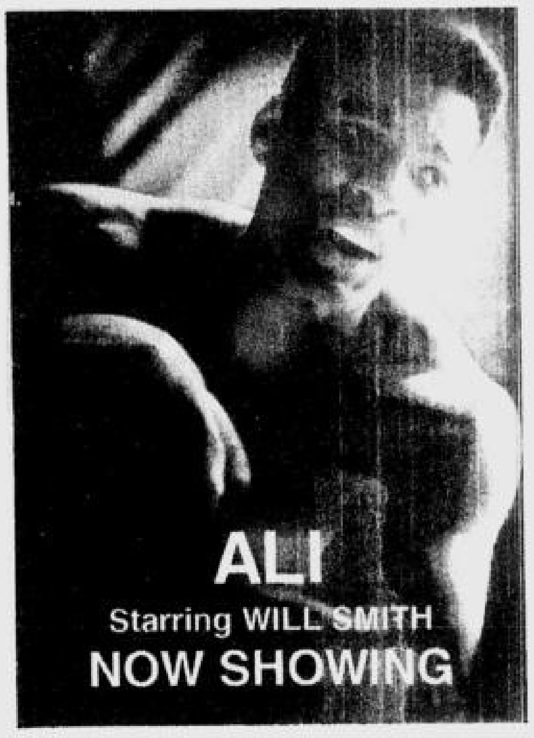

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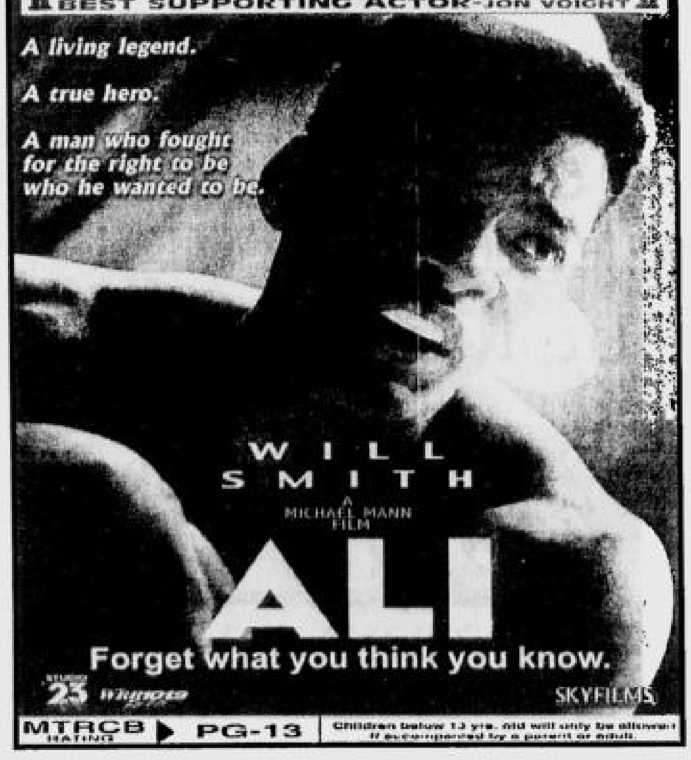
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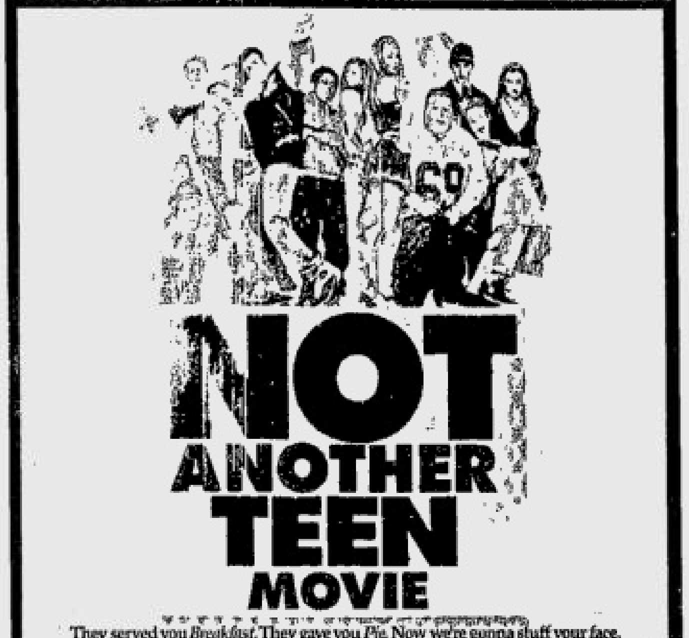

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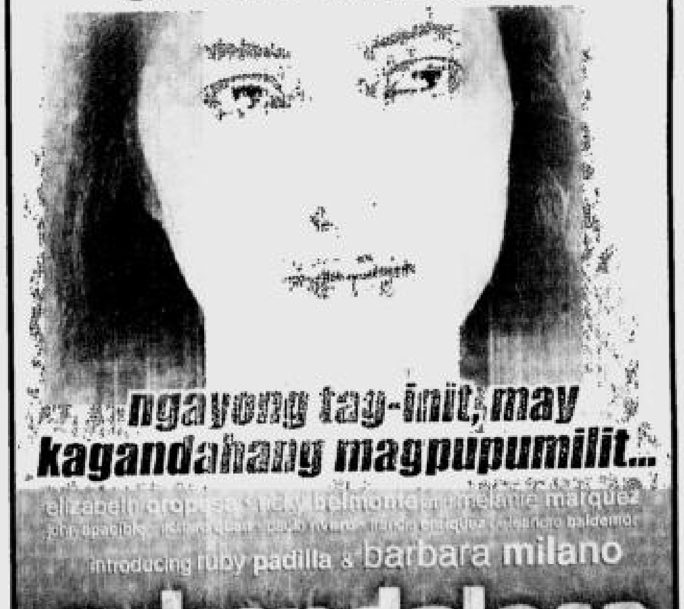
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Welcome back, Tita Muñoz

VIEWFINDER

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WE'RE happy to hear that one of our finest actresses, **Tita Muñoz** is coming out of retirement to join the cast of a popular Filipino TV soap opera.

We have been a fan of Tita's since we saw her in **Rolf Bayer**'s "Flight of the Sparrow" decades ago, and we're sure that younger viewers will end up admiring her talent as well, when they see her on television this year.

There was a time when Tita was known as the **Elizabeth Taylor** of the Philippines because of her unique combination of beauty, talent and intensity. She may be past her physical prime, but talent like hers never wanes, it deepens as it matures.

Here's hoping that Tita's TV comeback will prompt movie producers to cast her in good roles on the big screen—perhaps with her nephews, **Leandro** and **Carlo Muñoz**. Talent truly runs in the Munoz family.

Comedy of quiz-show errors

THANKS again to reader-contributor **Loi R. Landicho** of Makati City for his latest collection of amusing errors made on our quiz shows:

Quizmaster: *Sinong senadora ang kapatid ng batikang director na si* Lupita Kashiwahara?

Contestant: Chito Roño!

(Senadora Chito Roño?! *Naman, naman*. The correct answer is Sen. Tessie Aquino-Oreta.)

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Quizmaster: *Sinong singer ang nagpasikat ng kantang* "Babaero"?

Contestant: Rico J. Puno!

(Kung sabagay . . . —But no, the correct answer is Randy Santiago.)

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Quizmaster: *Sa Bibliya, sino ang kapatid nina* Martha *at* Mary *na binuhay ni* Jesus?

Contestant: Dara!

(Dara who?! No, the answer is Lazarus.)

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Sino ang panganay na anak nina Prince Charles *at* Princess Diana?

Contestant: Prince Philip!

(No, Prince Philip is Charles' father! Correct answer: Prince William.)

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Quizmaster: *Sinong* superhero *ang* alter ego *ni* Dick Grayson?

Contestant: Superman!

(*Ayaw ni* Batman *ng ganyan*! The correct answer is Robin, the Boy Wonder.)

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Quizmaster: *Ilang babae ang naging* Senate President *ng bansa*?

Contestant: Lima!

(*Sige nga, isa-isahin mo? Ang totoo, wala pa!*)

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Quizmaster: *Sa anong* acronym *mas kilala ang* Caucus Development Network-NGO?

Contestant: NEDA!

(That's quite revealing—*baka ipatawag ka ng Senado niyan. Dapat*, CODE-NGO.)

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Quizmaster: *Sinong sikat na actor ang tatay ng kambal na sina* Atasha Aaron *at* Antonio Andres?

Contestant: Martin Nievera!

(*Intriga yan*—is that the reason why Pops left Martin? The correct answer is Aga Muhlach.)

'SHALLOW HAL'

Farrellys with morals

By Ruben M. Cruz Jr.

REVIEW

THERE'S a line in Antoine de Saint-Exupery's book "The Little Prince" that goes, "It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye."

Wouldn't it be fascinating though if one could actually see that which is essential? What if people's appearances, for instance, could reflect what they really are inside and we could see more than the faces and bodies they are born with?

Such a premise is what drives the romantic comedy "Shallow Hal," a film that interestingly enough is written, directed and produced by the Farrelly Brothers, makers of sometimes hilarious but also most of the time moral-less films like "Dumb and Dumber," "Me, Myself and Irene" and "Something About Mary."

You would think that because of the word "shallow" in the title, it would be like the type of film Peter and Bobby Farrelly are wont to make. After all they are not known as the Kings of Vulgar Comedy for nothing.

But even with the attention-grabbing, gross-out jokes, of which there are only a few in the film, and the mostly good-natured ribbing, "Shallow Hal" actually has something that takes you beyond gut level to drive home a frequently espoused but often forgotten lesson. It's a lesson the film explores with all sincerity, a lesson it weaves into the comedy sometimes subtly and at times not so subtly and you often wonder even as you laugh out loud whether you should be laughing at all.

Smart dialogue

Playing the lead is actor-musician and quintessential non-leading man type Jack Black. People who've seen him as the scene-stealing record store clerk of John Cusack in "High Fidelity" can attest to this quality of Black.

They also know that despite being relegated to secondary roles, Black is a comic who can flesh out the humor from any material regardless of quality. He doesn't even need dialogue to make you laugh. And in this, his first starring role, he's got smart dialogue working for him.

Black is "shallow" Hal Larson, an otherwise harmless, even likable nerd were it not for his nettlesome fixation with gorgeous women.

What's the problem with that, you say? Don't most guys have a thing for gorgeous women? Yes. But although most guys lust after gorgeous women, the men's social lives are usually tempered by more realistic expectations, which means, they don't exactly expect to end up with sex bombs and supermodel types.

Hal does. For him, physical appearance is all there is. So even if he's plain looking at best, he tries to score with major babes every chance he gets, with zero success.

Success

But one day Hal gets trapped in an elevator with self-help guru Tony Robbins. He tells Robbins his problems with women (he still doesn't know why gorgeous women don't dig him) and Robbins responds by putting him in some kind of hypnosis to reprogram his perspective. He tells Hal, "From now on, whenever you meet a woman, you will see not her physical appearance but her inner beauty."

Hal walks away from that chance meeting thinking Robbins is cuckoo. But then he starts having success with some of the most attractive and intelligent women he's seen in his life, and he begins to think whatever it was Robbins did to him is actually working.

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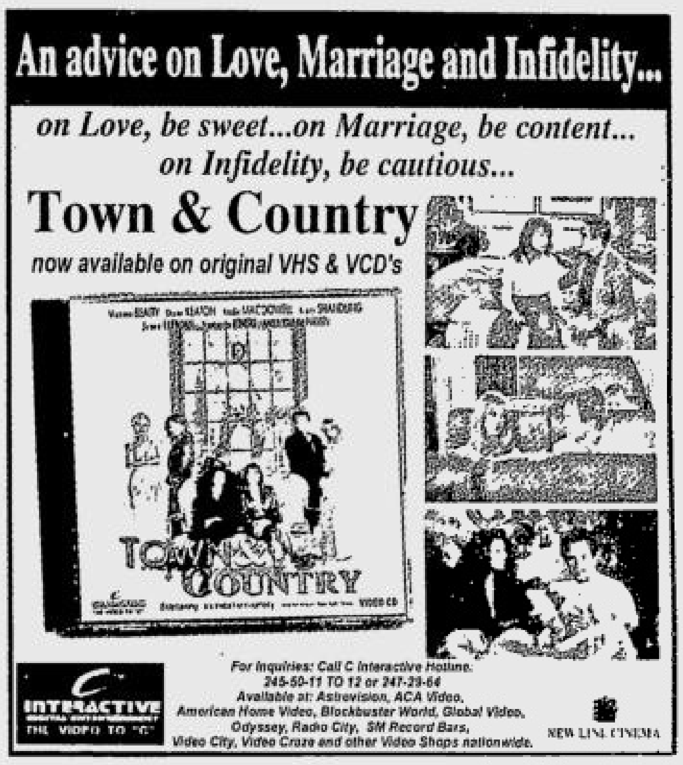

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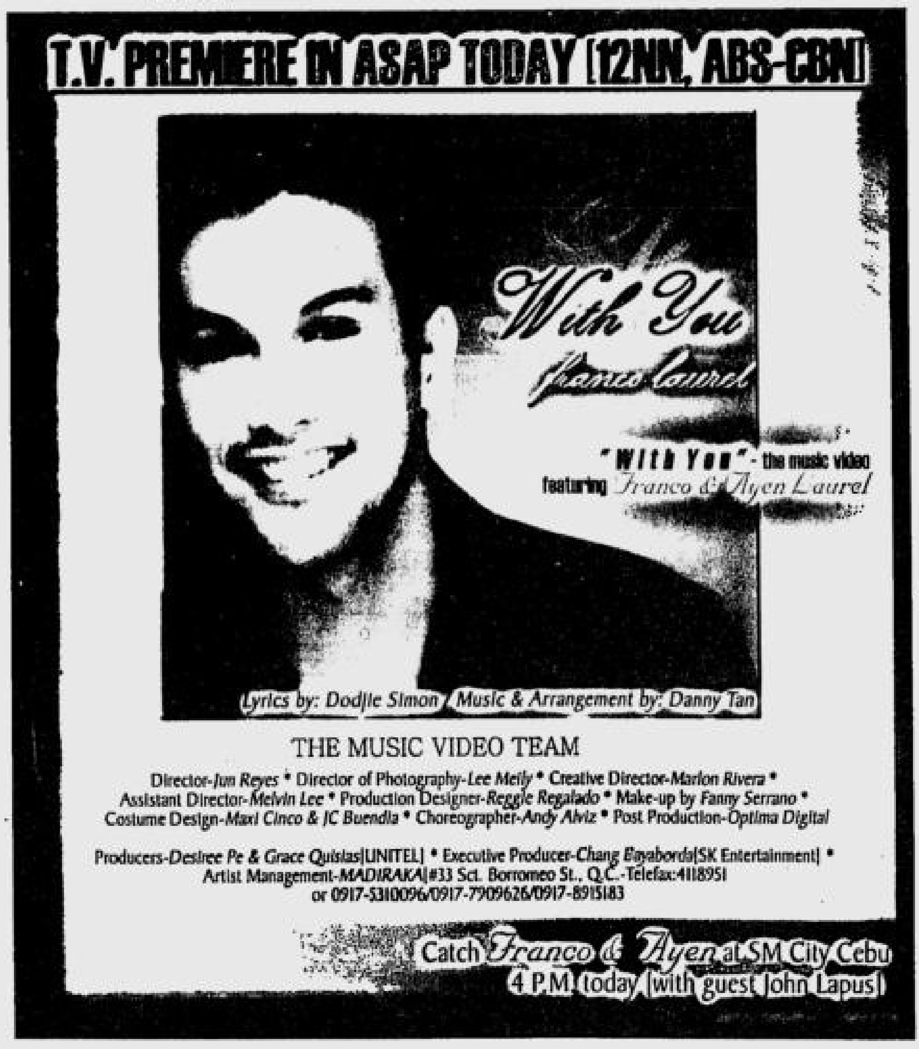

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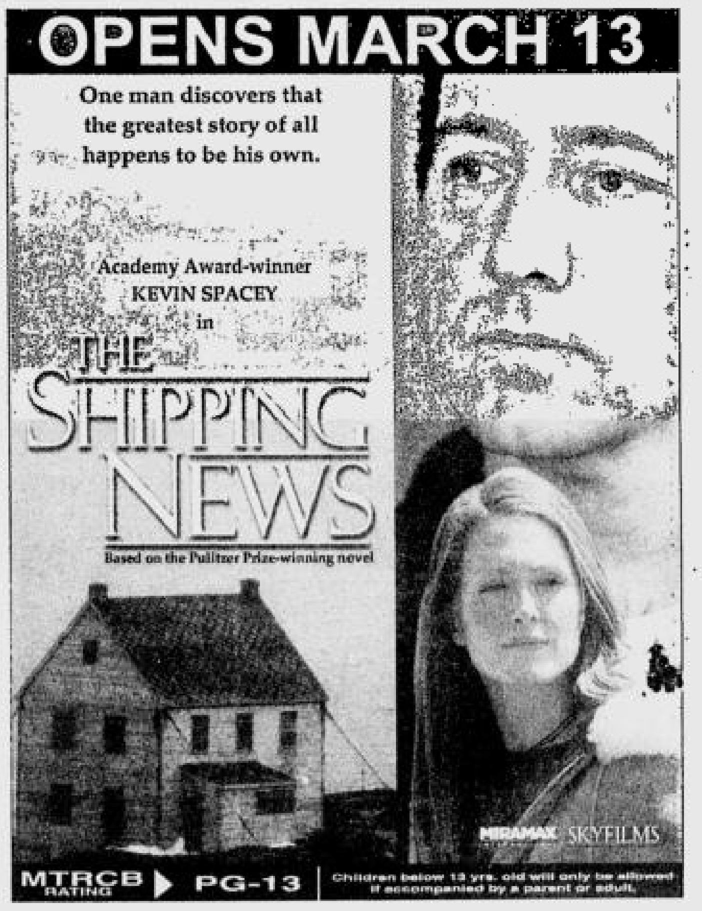

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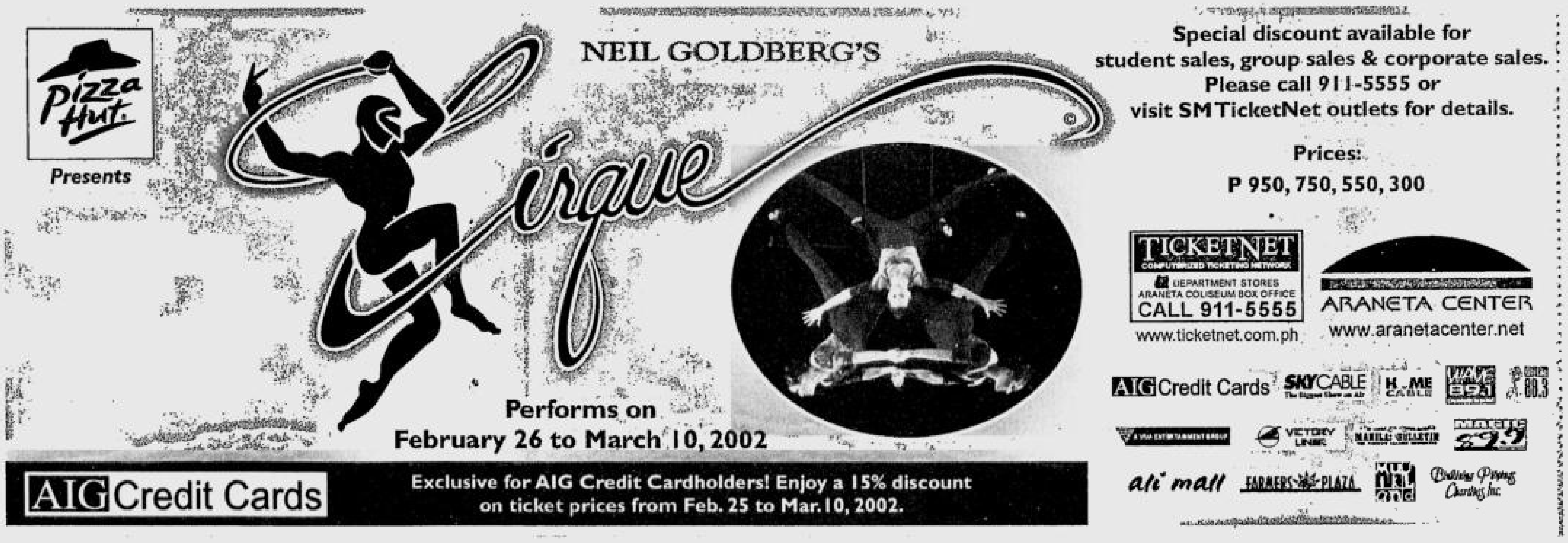

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IN THE world of high power corporate finance and the stock market, BPI Capital Corp. vice chair Senen "Bing" L. Matoto is used to air-conditioned rooms, plush carpets, chauffeur-driven car and the best in food.

But it was not always so for the 54-year-old who also sits as president and chair of the board of BPI Securities Corp., one of the country's leading stockbrokerage firms.

Matoto knows what it means to work under the heat of the sun with real grease under his fingernails as he once worked as sales representative of the defunct Esso Philippines.

He took the plum job just a month after he graduated from the University of the Philippines with a degree in Business Administration. He was responsible for the sales and promotion of fuel and lubricant products as well as tires, batteries and accessories.

Matoto was assigned to cover Mandaluyong, San Juan, Antipolo and Pasig.

"The first six months were physically taxing. I was selling tires and batteries and I would drive a van to the different dealers and then carry those heavy tires and batteries myself. I had no one to help me," Matoto tells SundayBiz.

Despite the physical exertion, it was a good job as at P435 a month, he got more than double the minimum wage at that time of about P120 a month.

It was just the kind of salary that he needed as Matoto was saving every centavo to pay for his wedding to his wife and sorority sister, Eliza. They got married six months after he started working.

MATOTO in his younger days.

"Graduates during my time wanted to work for either a big multinational company like IBM or work with an oil company like Esso. I just applied for it on my own and I was lucky to get it," Matoto says.

He was even given his first car, a Renault, as part of the package.

Matoto credits his two-year stay at Esso for having properly initiated him to the workings of the "real world," which was very different in many ways to what he expected when he was in school.

He adds that the difficulties he faced as part of his initiation to the Upsilon Sigma Phi fraternity did not quite prepare him for his initiation to earning a living and working with different kinds of people.

FIRST JOB

"It was my first exposure to corporate life and it was a good learning experience. I learned to survive. With my work, I was required to do feasibility studies, identify markets and to also keep receivables down," Matoto says.

It was through Esso that Matoto had his first foreign trip in July 1969. It was a prize for having kept his group's credit level down.

"It was my first trip abroad. We were on a cruise ship to Hong Kong and it was something of a delayed honeymoon with my wife," he says.

Matoto had a good career ahead of him at Esso but he decided instead to take a break from work and invest in further studies at the Asian Institute of Management. He believed that an MBA would help him move up the corporate ladder much faster.

"With an enhanced education from AIM, I was able to transform myself from marketing petroleum products to providing multiple financial services in varied circumstances," Matoto says.

"Within the Ayala/BPI unibank group of companies, I have been fortunate to have been tasked with a variety of career challenges from investment banking in Jakarta, to corporate finance in BPI Capital and finally securities distribution in BPI Securities," he adds.

He has been with the BPI group since 1978 but he still applies what he learned from his first job at Esso.

"The lessons that I still apply to this day are to observe, seek advice, be mindful of the opinion of others, improve yourself, apply yourself fully to your task and to pray," Matoto says.

These were the same lessons that his father, a court stenographer, and his mother, a housewife with small businesses on the side, inculcated in him when he was growing up.

They told Matoto that he could only go as far as his own efforts would take him. Hard work is paramount and education is "super important."

"My Dad worked hard to send me to the best schools he could afford to enable me to have a solid education. My Dad also encouraged me to work for a large, professional business organization to ensure my future," he says.

"My bias for a good education and preference for a steady, solid career growth has remained and I have tried to pass this on to my children who, with a lot of sweat and prayers, have also been able to move on," he adds.

His eldest daughter Patricia, eldest son Paolo and middle child Pia are in Virginia and New York busy with their careers in advertising, systems consultancy and investment banking with the Packett Group, JP Morgan Chase and Accenture Consulting, respectively.

Only 25-year-old Ann, who is with MTV Philippines, and youngest daughter Pilar, who is only 6 years old, stay with Bing and Eliza Matoto in the Philippines.

He says he also shares these lessons on hard work, perseverance and working in an honest and passionate way with his staff in BPI Securities and BPI Capital.

"To inspire others I tell them to have faith in yourself and just simply do what comes naturally to you. Trust the Lord that He knows what is best for you. I also tell them to not take life too seriously," he adds.

Matoto also stresses the importance of having the support of family and to always be a professional, working with integrity and honesty.

"My present and previous bosses also showed me that enhancing a professional

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FLASHBACK

SENEN L. Matoto graduated in October 1968 and when he went to work, the minimum wage was between P120 and P180 a month.

The pre-martial law period was characterized by student demonstrations, the Vietnam War, the hippies, beatniks, flower power, free love, "Give peace A Chance" and Woodstock.

The Beatles, Beach Boys, Everly Brothers, Paul Anka, Neil Sedaka, Dave Clark 5 and the Ventures were lording it over the music charts.

Fashion consisted of sideburns, bell bottom pants, blue jeans, buttoned down pinstriped shirts, white socks and moccasins.

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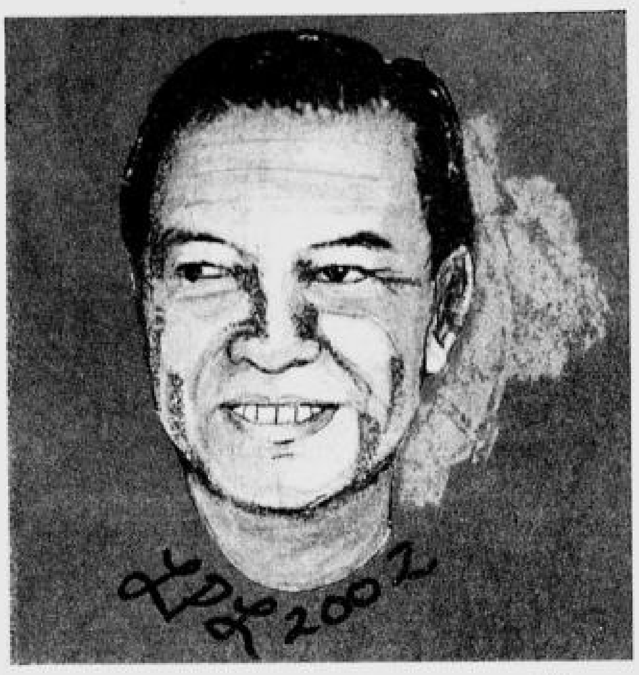

BURNED badly by his two biggest and more recent acquisitions specifically, Philippine Airlines and Philippine National Bank, the low-profile but high-flying taipan, Lucio Tan, appears to be correcting the mistakes of the past.
The problem is, the government finds it hard to catch up with his busy overseas schedule as he aggressively expands his empire in China.

EVA Dilangco, head of UCPB Savings Bank Libmanan branch was overjoyed when her branch was chosen as Most Outstanding USB Branch for 2001. Libmanan branch was chosen from USB's network of 18 branches for its outstanding performance in contributing to the bank's significant growth last year. The town of Libmanan is in the Bicol region. Shown handing out Dilangco'xs award are Lorenzo V. Tan, UCPB president and COO (second from left) and Jose L. Camus, USB president (extreme left).

Argentine crisis? Mary Kay's sales army oozes with hope

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina—In the middle of an economic crisis, Mary Kay Inc.'s army of cosmetics peddlers is out in force in Argentina.

The downturn has battered the country's consumer economy—but the business of looking good is virtually recession-proof in a country where plastic surgeons abound and women spend large amounts of time, energy and cash to look good.

"Women tell me that in the middle of this crisis, with all that's going on, they want to at least take care of themselves and look good," said Teresita Hidalgo, a 53-year-old former teacher last week on the sidelines of the Argentine unit's annual convention.

Hidalgo, who works for the business empire built by the late entrepreneur Mary Kay, hopes women in her small provincial town will keep buying nail polish and face cream despite an economic slump that has already provoked riots in which 27 people died.

"They say 'I don't have much to spend, I can't buy a house in the countryside or a car, but I can spend a little on something that makes me feel good," Hidalgo said with a smile, as she peered from behind thick bifocals, her eyes heavily traced with dark blue eyeliner.

That may sound like sales talk, but few firms in Argentina can claim that in January—a month of riots and tear gas, political chaos and a freeze on bank accounts—sales actually rose by 15 percent year-on-year.

Latin America is important to the large US cosmetics firms. Mary Kay generates 14 percent of its $2.4 billion in retail sales in the region, managing growth in the region despite its recently volatile economy. Its big rival Avon derives an even larger 30 percent of its sales in the area.

The US cosmetics firms have built up their overseas operations after their traditional direct sales in the United States withered when American women moved into the workplace and doorbells at home went unanswered.

So when Argentina sank into its crisis so did the stock of Avon Products Inc. Mary Kay does not have a publicly traded stock.

But the cosmetics concerns have responded to the recent downturn with more aggressive sales incentive and price cuts, or by holding the line on any increases. Avon this week reported that the moves have helped offset the impact of devaluation and recession in Argentina.

At the Mary Kay convention, some 2,000 saleswomen converged on a downtown hotel, many in bright red blazers adorned with dozens of gold pins awarded for strong sales performance, to discuss goals for a year most companies expect to be difficult at best.

Latin America's No. 3 economy is struggling to break out of a four-year funk that led it to default on part of its $141-billion debt and devalued its currency by about 50 percent, increasing the costs of imported goods.

But the sea of mostly middle-aged women crowding displays of the latest cosmetics line could actually represent a bright, shining light in an otherwise grim economic landscape.

Argentine subsidiary president Alvaro Polanco said low prices would spur a recovery for the unit, with its 15,000 saleswomen scattered from the Paraguayan border in the north to Tierra del Fuego in the south.

"We've seen this before. The same thing happened with the crises in Russia and in Mexico and we followed the same strategy then that we are following now," said Polanco, dressed in a tuxedo ahead of the closing gala, where awards for top saleswomen are handed out.

Low prices

Just as it did in Mexico and Russia, during their crises in the 1990s, Mary Kay decided in January not to raise prices in Argentina even though it imports 40 percent of the ingredients it uses in its makeup and skin care formulas.

That is welcome news since prices for even basic goods like flour and detergent have risen by some 30 percent.

US-based Mary Kay has become a direct selling powerhouse with a sales force of 850,000 in 37 countries.

The company has long had a reputation for transforming housewives into hard-nosed sales mavens who often start out by demonstrating beauty products to friends and acquaintances in their homes in hopes of winning lifelong clients.

The Mary Kay method has been successful in glamour-obsessed Argentina, its No. 6 market, where men brag that the women are among the world's most beautiful and the streets often seem like catwalks for ogling spectators in outdoor cafes.

Mary Kay's competitor Avon, said its sales have also improved recently as special promotions and recruitment of more representatives helped mitigate the effects of the devaluation.

Marta Saenz Valiente, a Mary Kay saleswoman in Buenos Aires and in far-flung northern Santiago del Estero province, was unfazed by the hurdles she will have to leap over this year and said she would not let the bad times slow her down.

"It's not easy, but you just have to work harder," said the married mother of four whose pink Mercedes A Class—a prize from the firm for topping sales charts one year—sits in the parking lot by the hotel, a giant Mary Kay sticker splashed across its back window.

Still, Polanco's sugar-coated outlook may be hard to maintain as the peso weakens and imports become more expensive, making it harder to keep prices low. Rising unemployment has also meant a shrinking middle class.

But Saenz Valiente wouldn't budge in her resolve: "Argentine women, women in general, even in a crisis will always set aside money to spend on themselves," she said. ***Reuters***

International club to hold confab

ROTARY International District 3810 under Governor Rudy Estrellado with 2,761 Rotarians from Manila and Pasay, and in the provinces of Cavite and Occidental Mindoro, will hold their Discon 2002 dubbed as the Gathering of Eagles under a theme that "Strong Clubs make a Strong District" on March 7-9, 2002 at the Manila Hotel.

A total of 782 Rotarians have availed of the early bird registration to date and more are expected.

The staging of a district's annual conference (Discon) is one of the most important events in a Rotary District. This is the opportunity for Rotarians to enjoy fellowship, and since Rotary is at the crossroads of being a global organization, understand how it can have a major impact upon the community in solving the problems of mankind.

Prominent Rotarians and government are set to speak during the conference—Supreme Court Justice Art Panganiban, Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho, Defense Sec. Angelo Reyes, Presidential Adviser Luis Lorenzo Jr., Mayor Lito Atienza, PDG Melito Salazar, PDG Prospero Crescini and Fr. Rocky Evangelista.

Rotary International Past President Clifford L. Dochterman and spouse Mary Elena have been named as RI president Richard D. King and spouse Cherie representative to Discon 2002. Dochterman counts among his many accomplishments the authorship of "The ABC's of Rotary," a Rotary information resource material. He is best known as an effective speaker in the Rotary world.

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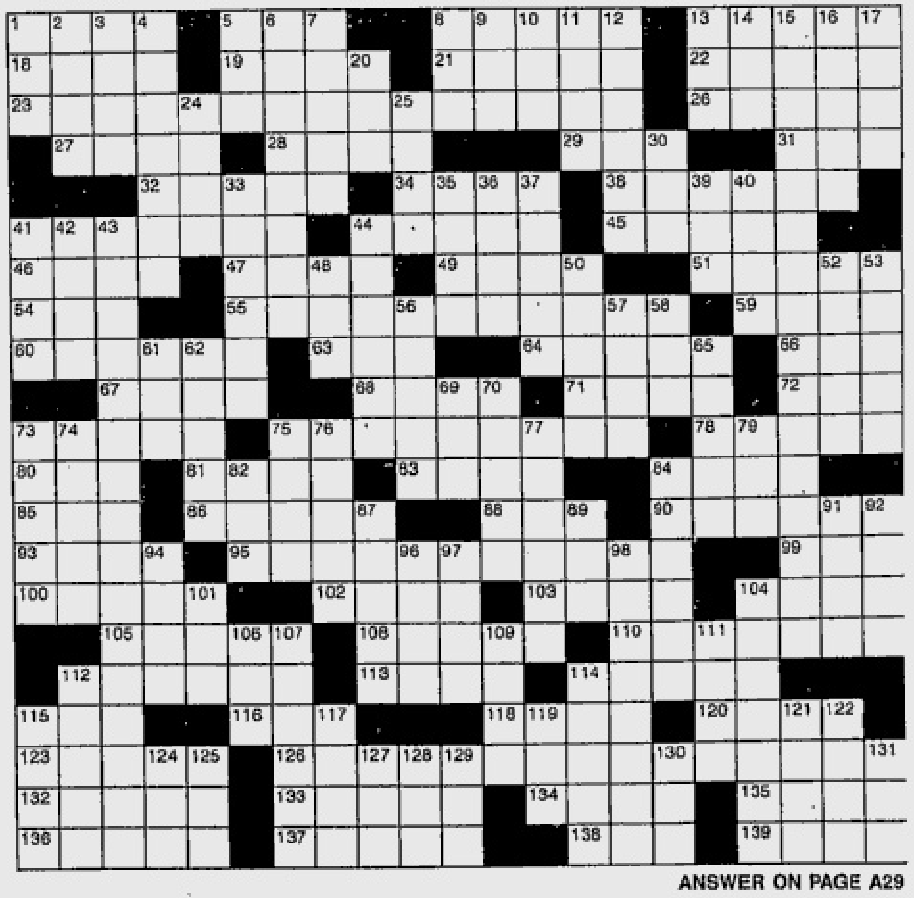

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THE 75-YEAR-OLD Gokongwei, chair emeritus of the JG Summit group

LANCE Gokongwei with former Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Governor Gabriel C. Singson, now Mr. John's best friend.

Who says Blue Eagles can't get along with Green Archers

By Abigail L. Ho

GREEN Archers and Blue Eagles can get along, after all. Taipan John Gokongwei Jr., a postgraduate La Sallian, just made a P200-million endowment to the Ateneo de Manila University's undergraduate school of management.

His only son Lance Gokongwei said the whole Gokongwei clan racked their brains for something that would best commemorate the taipan's 75 years in life and 62 years in business. Putting up a school to hone future business leaders seemed like the perfect legacy.

It was supposed to have been a surprise for Mr. John's 75th birthday in August last year, said Lance, but with the huge amount entailed in putting up a school, the surprise element had to be foregone.

"We didn't realize the amount of money needed to put up a school. We had to ask for board approval for that big an amount. If not, Mr. James (Go) and I could end up sacrificing 20 years' worth of our salaries," he said in a speech during the launching of the John Gokongwei School of Management yesterday.

The endowment would also further highlight Mr. John's commitment to education, seen through the Gokongwei Brothers Foundation which maintains a Technical Training Center for engineering graduates and the Children's Library which offers free computer learning and other educational and entertainment materials to children up to 12 years old.

Aside from the Ateneo, the Gokongweis have also made donations to San Carlos University in Cebu, Xavier School, De La Salle University, Sacred Heart School and Immaculate Concepcion Academy.

Being a Green Archer, Mr. John was asked why he made such a big donation to La Salle's fiercest rival.

"He believes in the Jesuit education," Lance said.

Xavier School, a Chinese school in Greenhills where Lance spent his early school years (and became the first student to skip Grade 7), is also run by Jesuit priests.

Ateneo officials also discussed why they should name the university's undergraduate school of management after the 75-year-old business tycoon.

"This man literally built his business without using political influence. He is also devoted to his family," chair of the Ateneo board of trustees, Octavio Espiritu, said in a speech.

Of course the price tag will also go a long way for the school.

Mr. John also sets a good example for the Filipino youth to emulate as he went from riches to rags to riches. At 13, he used a rusty bicycle to sell different commodities in nearby Cebu towns.

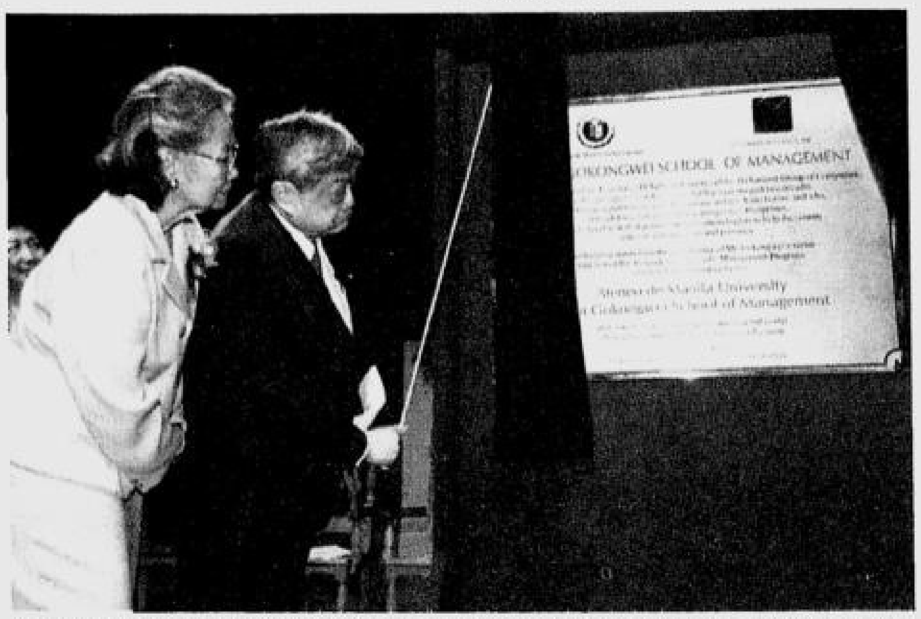
He became a boat trader as well, selling goods as odd as rubber tires and as necessary as sugar. He also experienced how World War II leveled the playing field for all aspiring entrepreneurs.

"I chose to live my life unafraid even during those times when I was afraid," he said.

He added: "Success in business is not exactly about connections, cutting corners and chamba—the three Cs of bad business. It's about hard work, frugality, integrity, responsiveness to change and boldness to dream."

Mr. John embraced change, looked fear straight in the face and went on to become one of Asia's most successful businessmen.

And this type of business leader is exactly what Ateneo's John Gokongwei School of Management hopes to produce.



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Women power can make the difference

By Ricky T. Gallardo

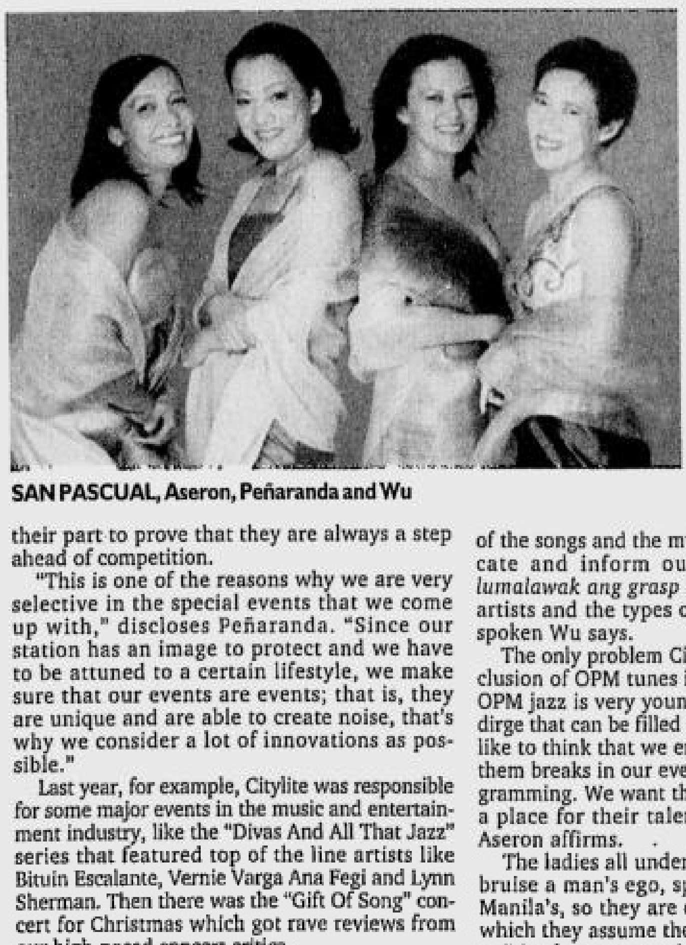
OVER at Citylite 88.3, this perception has been proven four times over, thanks to the "power women" who have been calling the shots for the country's premier jazz station.

This "fab four power core," as they are known in their circle, is composed of news directress Karen Wu, special projects manager Annette Peñaranda, sales group head Susan San Pascual and station manager Pinky Aseron.

They recently shared their plans and their visions and showed their masculine side of running things.

"There are both advantages and disadvantages to being women, specially in our field of work. Though we can sometimes charm our way around the men, we are pressured to prove that we can be 'one of the boys' who are as capable of doing a man's job right," says San Pascual, who has a number of male executives under her since she assumed the position in 1989.

The "job" San Pascual pertains to is not only to entertain people through jazz music but to educate them on the genre. Since they are the first all-jazz radio station to appear on the scene (having "come out" in 1987), more is at stake on their part to prove that they are always a step ahead of competition.



SAN PASCUAL, Aseron, Peñaranda and Wu

"This is one of the reasons why we are very selective in the special events that we come up with," discloses Peñaranda. "Since our station has an image to protect and we have to be attuned to a certain lifestyle, we make sure that our events are events; that is, they are unique and are able to create noise, that's why we consider a lot of innovations as possible."

Last year, for example, Citylite was responsible for some major events in the music and entertainment industry, like the "Divas And All That Jazz" series that featured top of the line artists like Bituin Escalante, Vernie Varga Ana Fegi and Lynn Sherman. Then there was the "Gift Of Song" concert for Christmas which got rave reviews from our high-nosed concert critics.

As far as programming is concerned, they have divided and distributed the different subgenres of jazz music under such specials as "Smooth Jazz," "Mondo Latino," "True Blue Jazz," etc.

"I think we have been successful in our strategy because we have retained old advertisers and attracted new ones. We understand that advertisers just don't want airtime. They want to reach out to their respective clientele as well," Aseron explains.

But, then, her concern goes beyond business aspects. Satisfaction in knowing they have championed jazz effectively based on feedbacks is of paramount importance, too. "The scope of our market goes over the decision-makers and the "elitistas." Would you believe we have 10-year-old listeners calling the station or dropping a line to thank us for playing the music they like?" muses Aseron.

She adds, "One time, too, I took a cab and was surprised to find the driver tuned in to Citylite. *So paano mo sasabihing pangmayaman lang ang jazz, di ba?* We also know that we are making progress based on the requests of our listeners. *Dati panay lumang mga jazz songs ang ni-re-request samantalang ngayon ay updated na sila kung ano'ng bago abroad.*"

Because they have positioned jazz as a genre that is both light and versatile, they are able to weather even the worst downtrends while maintaining the niche they have carved for themselves.

"We never stop fine-tuning the many aspects of running the station especially our thrust. Right now, we are trying to entice the younger market so we include tunes that have New Age or Pop/R&B flavor. Though it is true that Pinoys go for music that have lyrics (which most jazz tunes don't have), we feel that if we're consistent in coming up with quality jazz music, it will soon be turned into some sort of acquired taste," Aseron says.

They've also included DJs in the game to "personalize" their approach. "It is our aim to make our listeners feel that the songs we play have a human feel in terms of flow or segue. *At saka buti na din ang merong* DJ because they mention the title of the songs and the musicians involved to educate and inform our listeners. This way *lumalawak ang grasp ng mga* listeners on the artists and the types of jazz genres," the soft-spoken Wu says.

The only problem Citylite has so far is the inclusion of OPM tunes in their playlist. Because OPM jazz is very young and limited, there is a dirge that can be filled up very slowly. "But we'd like to think that we encourage them by giving them breaks in our events and spots in our programming. We want them to know that there is a place for their talents and kind of music," Aseron affirms.

The ladies all understand that it's so hard to bruise a man's ego, specially in a culture like Manila's, so they are careful in the manner in which they assume their authorities.

"You have to remain assertive more than aggressive. In my experience, men do not like women *na malalakas ang dating*, they immediately feel that *nawawala ang pagkalalake nila*. So sometimes you have to be subtle in sending the message that hey, I'm the boss here," San Pascual intones.

There's no special secret or formula to Citylite's success—it's the woman's touch that makes all the difference.

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Pinay graduates from political 'West Point'

AS THE first Filipino to enter and graduate from the School of Political Management at George Washington University, Marilou N. Tiquia arrived home recently after completing a year of study at the so-called political "West Point" of the United States.

The School of Political Management is the leading school of politics in the United States. It has often been called the "West Point" of politics due to the tedious hands-on classes students would undergo to be able to specialize in their fields.

There are six fields of specialization: fundraising, campaign management, corporate and public affairs, lobbying, leadership and polling.

"I specialized in lobbying and handling campaigns so I will be introducing some skills and techniques in the country. I would also like to help the non-profit sector get the necessary know-how to make government more responsive to its needs as well as help the right and deserving people get elected," narrated Tiquia.

Professors of the school are noted practitioners in American politics. Some of the known names are Christopher Arterton, Ron Faucheaux, Jeff Greenberg, John Slade, Edward Greefe, Julius Hobson, etc.

Tiquia has served the Executive and Legislative branches of the Philippine government and was with the University of the Philippines' National College of Public Administration and Governance before taking a year off. She worked in the United States Congress in 1991-1992. She co-authored the best selling book on campaigns entitled "Campaign Politics" with Irene Cariaga.

Tiquia founded and has opened a lobby/public affairs company in Manila. Polistrat International Inc. offers various services such as research and development, political management, community and media services, legislative and administrative representation and crisis management.

TIQUIA

Malou earned her A.B. Political Science (1987) and her Master in Public Administration major in Public Policy and Program Administration degrees (1991) from the University of the Philippines.

She has almost 15 years of government service, from 1985 to 1999 covering the Executive and Legislative branches of the Philippine government. At the Executive branch, she worked at the Environmental Management Bureau and the Presidential Management Staff (PMS) during the term of Her Excellency Corazon C. Aquino. She was invited to join the PMS to help in the implementation of the Organic Act for Muslim Mindanao.

At the Legislative branch, she has distinguished herself as a pioneer in the revived Congress, which was opened in 1987 after having been padlocked for almost 20 years. She served as technical assistant to Sen. Rene A.V. Saguisag from 1987-1989 in the Senate. She joined the House of Representatives from 1992-1999 as the chief of staff of Representative Roilo Golez.

In 1991, she was selected by The Asia Foundation as a US congressional fellow under the program of the American Political Science Association. She was a committee staff to the US House environment subcommittee under the chairmanship of New York Democrat, James Scheuer. The other half of the year she spent at the US Senate as a personal staff to California Republican, Sen. John Seymour. As a US congressional fellow, she took part in the Canadian Parliament Exchange Program and had an actual experience as a campaign volunteer to the presidential campaigns of Sen. Bob Kerrey (D-Nebraska) at Nashua, New Hampshire, and for then Gov. Bill Clinton (D-Arkansas) at Silver Spring, Maryland.

In 1994, she was appointed by His Excellency President Fidel V. Ramos as member of the Countrywide Industrialization Management Board. She was later awarded a Mashav Scholarship by the Embassy of Israel under its Field Study Internship Program in 1997. She studied the Knesset (Parliament) of Israel and her paper dealt on the effects of Holocaust on the Members of the 14th Knesset. In 1999, she was a management consultant to the national security adviser, Hon. Alexander P. Aguirre.

She taught undergraduate and graduate students at the University of the Philippines and De La Salle University on Philippine government and politics, agrarian reform, public administration, public policy, leadership and regulatory administration. She has been involved in various consultancy work dealing with Congress, advocacy and lobbying. Ms Tiquia was the 1st executive director of the League of Municipalities of the Philippines created by R.A. No. 7160.

Courier firm joins Internet bandwagon

ONE of the country's biggest courier company has joined the e-business bandwagon.

But unlike other companies that entered the Internet to do business, it has a clear target market in sight—Filipinos living in the United States.

LBC, a 51-year-old company known to most Filipinos for door-to-door deliveries, has put up eLBC Direct, Inc. a firm that will offer various products and services online to Pinoys in the US mainland.

Rene Fuentes, president and executive director of the new venture, says the LBS top management wanted to offer new services beyond cargo, money remittances and travel.

FUENTES

"We have a very big market in the US and we want to offer them new products and services that can help them make the best use of their money," he says.

LBC caters to a customer base of 800,000 Filipinos in the US through its 57 branches, half of which is in Southern and Northern California. With this market in mind, it has come up with products to offer through eLBC.

"We will be offering them dollar deposits in the Philippines," said Fuentes, who pointed to LBC's own bank as eLBC's main partner for the product. "The dollar deposits will be in a form of "paluwagan."

For example you want to put up a $1,000 deposit. You can opt to raise that in six months to one year.

eLBC will also be offering health insurance to US-based Filipinos for their beneficiaries in the Philippines.

Fuentes says most Filipinos in America send money to their parents, siblings or children in the country but the money is often used for other things except health care.

"With our health insurance product, the person in the US pays for the premium and his relatives in the Philippines benefits from the insurance. This way, the one in the US can have peace of mind," Fuentes says.

The third in the eLBC's present product line are pension plans that the company is working out with The Professional Group (TPG).

Fuentes said that Filipinos normally just stay in the US to work but often retire in the Philippines. "We'll be giving them the chance to prepare for their retirement here," he said.

eLBC is in the process of formalizing tie-ups with partners. Established only in October 2001, the company expects to be in full operation by the middle of this year.

Customers can avail themselves of its services through its website, www.elbcdirect.com or through a tollfree number that will connect them to eLBC's call center in the Philippines.

MABEY and Johnson project coordinator Peter Church, finance manager Ron Mallon, Dorothy Watson and Mr. & Mrs. Fred Victor from the Office of the President.

Bridge builders to connect Ilocos Norte to Tawi-tawi

MABEY and Johnson Ltd., supplier of high-grade galvanized steel bridges to the President's Bridge Program (PBP), recently celebrated the Filipino-British partnership that aims to build over 1,300 bridges—from Ilocos Norte to Tawi-Tawi.

"We are all Filipinos here," said David Forsyth, Mabey and Johnson director general for Asia and the Pacific as he acknowledged that each bridge was built using Filipino manpower, including former members of the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) in Mindanao.

Top government officials attended the party including Deputy Executive Secretary Ernesto P. Martinez, Director Ding Toledo of the Department of the Interior and Local Government and Ted Haresco, PBP liaison officer.

Martinez, who oversees the PBP, commended the Filipino-British bridge builders.

"They always finish construction within, if not ahead of schedule," he said. The team can build one bridge in four days. They repaired the Quirino Bridge, which linked La Union and Ilocos Sur and was damaged by Typhoon Feria, in just 22 days, eight times faster than the six months local officials estimated would be needed to complete the job.

Mabey is now bringing its expertise to two more countries—Papua New Guinea and Laos that have been inspired by success of the Philipines' PBP to start their own bridge programs.

Papua New Guinea Minister for Finance and Planning Andrew Kumbakor and Laos People's Democratic Republic Deputy Head of Mission Lattana Thavonsouk attended the Mabey party.

DEPUTY executive secretary Ernesto P. Martinez, David Watson and wife Dorothy, and David Forsyth

Popular retailers bag awards

THREE of the most popular fashion retail stores in the country bagged this year's plum "Store of the Year" award at the Ayala Malls Merchants Awards 2001 held at the Activity Center of the Glorietta.

The owners of Bench, Bayo and Penshoppe, three of the most aggressive names in ready-to-wear for the young, received their "Store of the Year" honors from Ayala Land Inc.'s chair Fernando Zobel de Ayala, President Francisco Licuanan III and Commercial Centers Group Head and Senior Vice President Miriam Katigbak.

Bench won for Ayala Center Makati; Bayo for the Alabang Town Center and Penshoppe for Ayala Center Cebu.

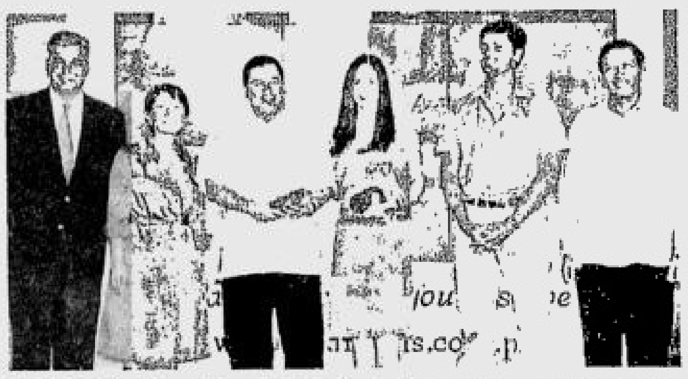
On its third year, the Ayala Malls Merchants Rewards introduced two new special awards to its usual roster of categories: the Values Marketing won by Penshoppe Glorietta, Dulcinea Alabang Town Center and Penshoppe in Cebu; and the Online Retailer bagged by Chicco and the Linea Italia Group.

Close to 120 awards were given that evening, beginning with last year's best in Christmas decors.

The Visual Merchandising Excellence Awards were divided between Fashion retail and Non-fashion Retail, which includes food and non-specially stores. The Marketing Excellence Awards included special awards for Discount Plus Card Partners and Marketing Partners.

"It was a challenging year for the retail industry to say the least, but we are happy we have done well," Katigbak says.

The Ayala Malls Merchants Rewards is a yearly recognition by Ayala Land Inc. for innovation, creativity, vision and marketing savvy which seeks to inspire others to do their best and move the industry to higher heights.


STORE of the Year—Bench, Ayala Center Makati (from L-R): Fernando Zobel de Ayala, Ayala Land, Inc. chair; Miriam O. Katigbak, ALI-CCG SVP; Ben Chan, BENCH Store owner; Lucy Torres of Bench; Richard Gomez of Bench; and Francisco Licuanan III, ALI president.

STORE of the Year – Penshoppe, Ayala Center Cebu (from L-R): Fernando Zobel de Ayala, Ayala Land, Inc. chairman; Miriam O. Katigbak, ALI-CCG SVP; Bernie and Alice Liu, Penshoppe store owners; Francisco Licuanan III, ALI president; Rene Almendras, Cebu Holdings Int. president.

Board chair started out...

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career and one's spiritual development are completely compatible," he says.

It was these traits, he explains, that enabled him to rise from the ranks and become what he is today, a prime mover of capital market reforms not just in BPI but in the industry as well.

He has served as president of the Investment House Association of the Philippines, chairman of the task force on securitization of the Capital Market Development Council and vice president of the Financial Executive Institute of the Philippines.

Matoto was also actively involved over the past year in the de-mutualization of the Philippine Stock Exchange and in pushing for legislative and regulatory reforms to nurture the country's capital market.

All these efforts involved close coordination with staff, fellow players in the capital markets and even members of the legislature.

He was not daunted by these tasks, however, as he has always dealt with people in an open and honest manner.

"To be successful in securing the understanding and cooperation of friends and colleagues, a transparent, honest and open interaction is a must. It also helps to keep an open attitude, empathy, respect for others and a desire to help others succeed," Matoto says.

At BPI Securities, Matoto is known to give his staff enough room to develop and to move up the corporate ladder like he did many years before.

"I adopt essentially a theory Y approach where for any given task, the competent will naturally surface and once identified there is no need to knock heads, rather give ample elbow room to allow the subordinate to thrive," Matoto says.

He, however, is not as helpful in the golf course where he spends a lot of his spare time.

He always goes for the gold, so to speak. But if he cannot reach the playing level of the professionals, he is happy to have at least achieved what many golfers will never achieve in a lifetime—a hole in one.

His prize? A brand new Lancer GLXi, quite a long way from his old Renault in 1968.

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2002 P&G Excellence Award fosters seamless partnership

P&G is one with its friends in the universities in striving to develop their academic curriculum and in creating resources to produce highly talented young men and women with exceptional academic and leadership qualities that help them prepare to face the challenges in the new millennium.

Launched in four partner universities (Ateneo de Manila, De La Salle, University of the Philippines in Diliman, and University of Santo Tomas), the Student Excellence Award is open to all students in their second to the last (penultimate) year of college education. The Award seeks to recognize outstanding young students who have consistently demonstrated academic excellence and organizational leadership and who best exemplify the ideals of their respective universities.

Now on its third year, the P&G Student Excellence Award has become an integral part of P&G's holistic approach to building industry and academic linkages through summer internship opportunities, supplemental lectures and seminars, and supporting major campus events such as job fairs and key student development programs.

This year, out of 350 nominations endorsed by school officials, and each one passing through a rigid selection process, 40 students across the four universities were selected as finalists. Of these 40, 12 will be chosen to be this year's Procter & Gamble's Student Excellence Awardees. The recipients of the award will be announced during the Student Excellence Awards Night which would be held on the evening of March 8 at the Peninsula Manila Hotel.

Together with the 40 finalists, invited to the Awards Night would be members of the P&G Leadership Team to be led by Johnip Cua, president and general manager of Procter & Gamble Philippines, parents, and school officials.

During the awards night, each finalist will be receiving a plaque of recognition, P5,000 in cash, and a P&G gift pack. If chosen as one of the 12 awardees, they will also be receiving a P&G trophy, an additional P20,000 in cash, a summer internship offer with Procter & Gamble, and a place on a special recognition marker installed on campus.

4 ANVILS FOR AGATEP

Agatep.Associates Inc. (AAI) won four Anvils during the 37th Anvil Awards Gabi ng Parangal of the Public Relations Society of the Philippines for spearheading Intel's 'Teach to the Future' PR program, the National Bureau of Investigation and Mega Data's '5-minute clearance renewal program'. the Department of Health and Lifebuoy's 'Health Promotion Day for Women' and the Domex Hygiene Advisory Service program. Winning four Anvils for the third year in a row confirms AAI's acknowledged leadership in corporate PR communications, integrated marketing communications and general PR counseling. Shown is AAI president and CEO Charlie Agatep (in barong) sharing a light moment with the agency's winning team.

GMA REVEALS NEW SPLASH LOGO

President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo presses the button to reveal the Splash logo and the planned entrance during the inauguration of the Splash Manufacturing Corp. in Canumay, Valenzuela City. Looking on is Dr. Rosalinda Hortaleza of Splash.

Locally recycled inkjet cartridges in demand abroad

A RECYCLING company has been supplying the European, US, Australia, New Zealand, and Asian markets with quality inkjet cartridges remanufactured from empty containers bought from local users and collectors.

Printing images CtC Inc. averages a monthly collection of 50,000 pieces of used inkjet cartridges for computer printers. However, according to Norbert Grimm, president of the company, this volume of collection is still considerably short of the current and increasing demand for remanufactured print cartridges in the international market.

The company, which is also a member of the International Imaging Technology Council, is now actively encouraging users of inkjet cartridges to sell to them their empties instead of throwing these away only to end up in the dumpsites. Their main office and remanufacturing plant is located in the Subic Bay Freeport Zone (047-2526012; 0916-3053244). For Metro Manila, it would be more convenient to sell to the company's Makati office (895-4994).

Grimm said that for every month's collection, his company has been able to keep away some 2,500 kg of toxic plastic and metal from the dumpsites.

Printing Images CtC Inc. is the only one in the country known to be the certified quality remanufacturer for this type of business. Abroad, however, there are many of them. Australia, for example, has more than 400 active remanufacturers.

"The market all over the world is far from being exhausted," Grimm said. There is an increasing number of quality remanufactured inkjet cartridges, for economical and ecological reasons."

3M dispenser designing contest

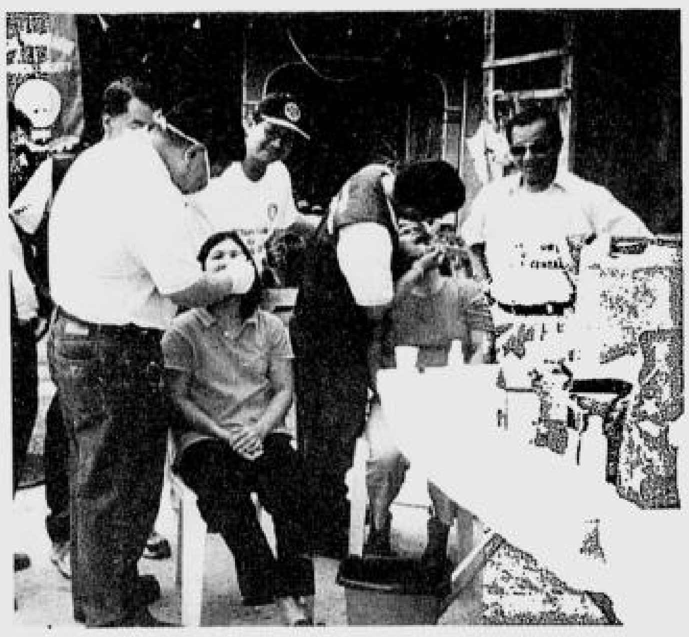
3M PHILIPPINES has just launched a first-of-its-kind design contest—Keep It·Poppin' Dispenser Design Contest. The challenge for the students is to design a dispenser for those colorful and delightful Post-It Notes that we use everyday. Think up and put on paper the best design you can come up with, making sure your design is practical and workable. Submit your design together with a prototype, which will prove that your design can really be fashioned, multiplied or manufactured for actual use as a dispenser. Entries should be made of Philippine native materials, and submitted with an official certification from the principal, dean or department head of the participant's school. Deadline for the submission of entries is at 5 p.m. of Thursday, March 7. For more information, call 725-7891, 727-5251 and 726-5132 or 813-3781 to 95.

Telenetwork joins 4As

TELENETWORK Advertising Center Inc., a media planning and buying consolidator and advertising agency founded by veteran adman Nilo Choa, recently joined the Association of Accredited Advertising Agencies (4As) of the Philippines. It manages some P1 billion in media billings from a portfolio of large and small clients and agencies as well.

Choa asserts that Telenetwork's core philosophy is to serve as the katiwala (steward) of clients. "We optimize media mix by using sound media research applications, backed by solid networking resources. We draw on the goodwill of tested relationships with media providers spanning decades."

Clients include Pagcor, CAP Philippines, International Pharmaceuticals Inc., where Telenetwork provides full agency service, as well as direct accounts, and several advertising agencies who recognize the efficiencies of media buying consolidation.



MEDICAL MISSION AT CUENCA

The Rotary Club of Parañaque Central, District 3830, headed by president Ric Chua under governor Ernie Salas with a team of doctors, dentists and optometrists from the Optometric Society of Makati City trekked two hours to Cuenca, Batangas to work on this mission. The team was able to serve almost 250 people during the mission. Shown is the gallant team of dentists conducting check-ups with Chua, director Rene Cuchon and director Cayo Mercado.

BITS & Clips

Marriage Encounter weekend in Baguio

THE REACHING Out for the Lord (ROL) series of the Tuklasan Sector-Marriage Encounter Foundation of the Philippines, is slated to sponsor another Marriage Encounter (ME) weekend from March 8-10 at the Mirador Jesuit Villa, Baguio City. Spearheaded by Allan and Lolit Lozada and Hector and Bing Vigo, together with their ROL 14 classmates, the weekend seminar is ideal for married couples seeking fulfillment and rejuvenation from their marriages. The three-day seminar also hopes to redirect their relationship viewed in the context of Christian love. Serving as the ecclesial team are Fr. Jess V. Fernandez, SJ, Rudy and Menie Ledesma and Ferdie and Judith Bugaoisan. For details, call the Lozadas at 827-8410; Gerry and Gina Martinez at 871-5141 or 871-8845, or 871-1426; Albert and Vilma Sia at 874-8818 (a.m. only); Gerry and Sheila Reglos at 807-3338; Rey and Cristy Medina at 802-8209 (a.m. only); Freddie and Rachel de Leon at 536-8451; Joe and Janet Saldaña at 842-4349, and Bong and Zosie Fajardo at 742-2434 or 742-5981.

Furniture show open to public

ASIA'S premier and the country's biggest furniture show, the Philippine International Furniture Show (PIFS) 2002 is open to the public today, March 3, the last day of the exhibit. PIFS 2002, which opened Feb. 28, is being held at the World Trade Center in Manila. This year's event is bigger, with around 8,300 sqm of exhibit area filled by more than 100 of the country's top furniture manufacturers and exporters. Foreign and local buyers, as well as architects, designers, and those in the construction industry can look forward to new and better designs at PIFS 2002. Now on its sixth year, PIFS has been touted by the international press as the best stop in the Asian chain of furniture shows and the Philippine furniture industry's most important annual event.

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2 GRAND PRIZE WINNERS FROM OREO

Lilibeth Caparas (left) and Salve Alejandro (second from right) won P200,000 each in the recently concluded Oreo Stacking Challenge Grand Finals held last November in 'Eat Bulaga'. Shown awarding the checks to the winners are (from left) 'Eat Bulaga' host Sherilyn Reyes; FCB account director Rianna Roces; Oreo marketing manager Alberto Garde, Jr.; 'Eat Bulaga' host Ruby Rodriguez, and FCB account service director Raul Marabut.

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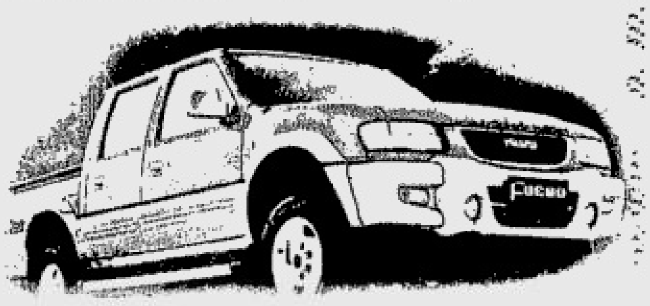
The new 2002 Isuzu Fuego Turbo



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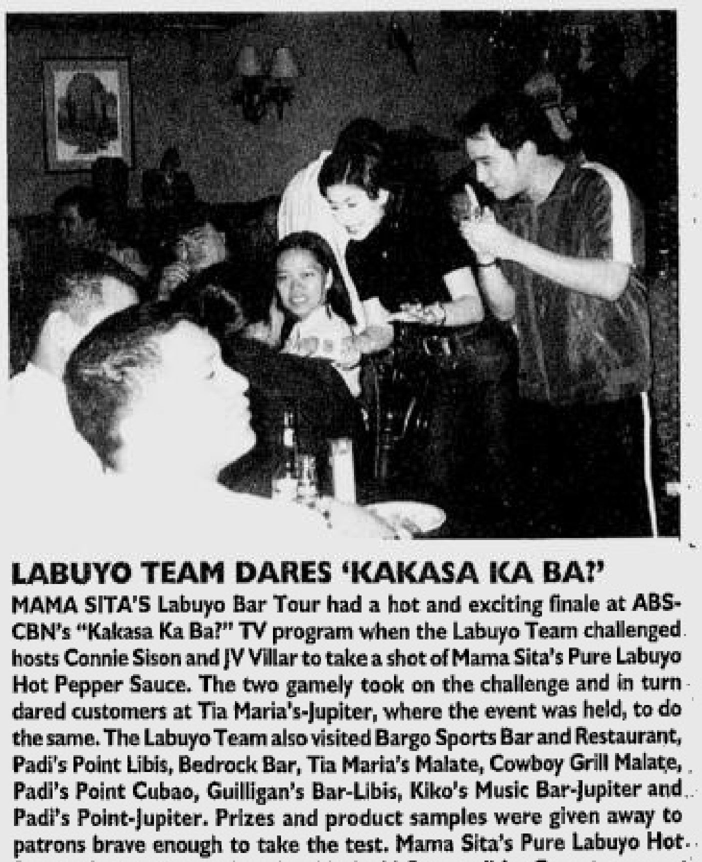

LABUYO TEAM DARES 'KAKASA KA BA?'

MAMA SITA'S Labuyo Bar Tour had a hot and exciting finale at ABS-CBN's "Kakasa Ka Ba?" TV program when the Labuyo Team challenged hosts Connie Sison and JV Villar to take a shot of Mama Sita's Pure Labuyo Hot Pepper Sauce. The two gamely took on the challenge and in turn dared customers at Tia Maria's-Jupiter, where the event was held, to do the same. The Labuyo Team also visited Bargo Sports Bar and Restaurant, Padi's Point Libis, Bedrock Bar, Tia Maria's Malate, Cowboy Grill Malate, Padi's Point Cubao, Guilligan's Bar-Libis, Kiko's Music Bar-Jupiter and Padi's Point-Jupiter. Prizes and product samples were given away to patrons brave enough to take the test. Mama Sita's Pure Labuyo Hot Pepper Sauce was developed by Marigold Commodities Corp. to surpass the hotness, taste and quality of the leading brand, at a lower price.

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INVITATION TO PREQUALIFY TO BID

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Region XI	Baganga, Davao Oriental
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CARAGA	Las Nieves, Agusan del Norte

Interested parties (NGOs, Academic Institutions, Private Service-Oriented Consultancy Groups), may send their letter of intent and company profile either through mail at DAP-ARISP-II, Center for Governance, 4/f DAP Bldg., San Miguel Ave., Pasig City 1600 or through fax at (02) 6312169 on or before 5:00 p.m. **April 3, 2002.** Please indicate the code "LBPI Selection" on the envelope or facsimile sheet.

(Sgd.) **MA. CONCEPCION P. PABALAN**
Project Director, DAP-ARISP-II IDRMEC

(PDI - March 3, 2002)

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INVITATION FOR PREQUALIFICATION AND TO BID

ITB NO. 02-05-2002

The Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) is currently looking at implementing an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Software to support its current operations across the country. This ERP project is aimed at increasing the efficiency in financials, logistics and human resource processes at all levels of the organization. In this regard, PAGCOR is inviting all Authorized and Exclusive Distributors/Dealers/Remarketeers to prequalify in its forthcoming bidding for the supply, customization and support of the ERP Software based on the following eligibility specifications:

(1) ERP Software
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(2) Vendor
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  2.2 Vendor should be able to ensure that PAGCOR will enjoy regular updates of the software as part of the ongoing software maintenance.
  2.3 Should implementation services be wholly or partially done by other "partners", the vendor should indicate the partners' role or scope of work.
  2.4 Vendor should be able to arrange a site visit, walkthroughs, and interviews if deemed necessary by PAGCOR, etc. to one of its existing clients.
  2.5 Vendor should be able to provide PAGCOR a one (1) year warranty period on the software.

Suppliers should primarily comply with PAGCOR's Accreditation requirements in order to participate in the pre-qualification proceedings. The Application Form for Accreditation is available at the **SUPPLIERS ACCREDITATION & EVALUATION DIVISION (SAED), PROCUREMENT & PROPERTY DEPARTMENT (PPD), 2nd Floor, PAGCOR House, 1330 Roxas Boulevard, Ermita, Manila.**

For Pre-qualification, send a letter of intent addressed to **MR. GERWYN P. SEE, Suppliers Accreditation & Evaluation Officer.** All Accreditation and Pre-qualification documents should be submitted before 5:00 p.m. of Friday, March 15, 2002. Failure to comply with the requirements will render outright disqualification. Inquiries may be coursed through the **SUPPLIERS ACCREDITATION & EVALUATION DIVISION, Tel. No. 525-0573, Fax No. 523-2045.**

Interested suppliers must pick up **"Instructions for Prospective Bidders to Prequalify" documents (2 sheets) from MR. JOSE YCAY, Project Officer, at the FOREIGN PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTS ADMINISTRATION UNIT, PPD.**

All pre-qualified prospective bidders shall be invited to attend a **PRE-BID CONFERENCE**, the schedule of which shall be relayed through telephone and/or formal letters.

ACCEPTANCE and **OPENING OF BIDS** shall be announced during the Pre-bid Conference.

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Please address all communications to the undersigned.

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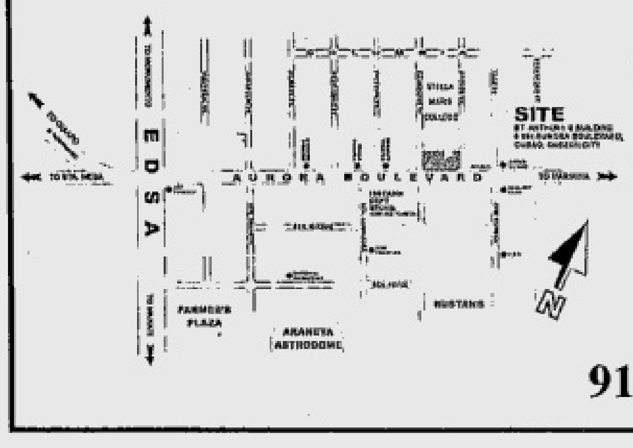

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INVITATION FOR QUALIFICATION AND BID

The Government of the Philippines has received a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this loan to eligible payment under the contract for which this Invitation for Qualification and Bid is issued.

The Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission as the Executing Agency and the City Government of Pasig as the Implementing Agency are inviting CONTRACTORS to apply for Qualification and Bid for the following project.

Name of Project : Barangay Pineda Linear Park
Duration : 180 Calendar Days

Contract Package	Area	Location	Project Description
a. Barangay Pineda Linear Park	Approximately 12,465.00 sqm.	Barangay Pineda, Pasig City	Community Park and Promenade (landscaping, civil, drainage and electrical works)

Interested contractors will be required to submit their accomplished qualification documents and bid proposals at the same time in two (2) separate sealed envelopes. The envelope containing the bid will be kept in a sealed box which will not be opened until after the completion of the qualification evaluation and the list of qualified contractors has been finalized. Only the bids of qualified contractors will be opened on the date of bid opening. The bids of disqualified contractors will be returned unopened.

Interested contractors may obtain further information and secure the qualification and bid documents at the following address:

Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission (PRRC)
Second Floor, Engineering Building
MWSS CMPD., Katipunan Road, Balara, Quezon City
Telephone Nos. 433-3444; 433-3446, 926-5233; 926-5234

A complete set of qualification and bid documents may be purchased by interested contractors from the above address starting 11-15 March 2002 upon submission of a letter of intent and payment of a non-refundable fee of Five Thousand Pesos (Php 5,000.00).

Site Inspection and Pre-Bid Conference is on 22 March 2002, 10:00 a.m. at the Conference Room, PRRC office. The accomplished qualification documents and the bid in two (2) separate sealed envelopes must be submitted to the PRRC on or before 1200 hours on 22 April 2002. The date of bid opening will be announced later.

The contractors shall submit together with qualification documents a notarized sworn statement stating their project workload as of date of bidding including newly awarded but not yet started contracts with corresponding contract amount.

All particulars relative to Prequalification, Bid Evaluation and Award of Contract shall be governed by the ADB Procurement Guidelines and other pertinent laws and regulations. The BAC reserves the right to reject any or all bids without offering any reason, waive minor informalities, or accept such bids which will be the most advantageous to the government. The decision of BAC is final and binding.

(Sgd.) BINGLE H.B. GUTIERREZ
Executive Director

(PDI – Mar. 2, 3 & 10, 2002)

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
DECS Complex, Meralco Avenue
Pasig City, Philippines

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

IFB Number : 2000-02-SEMP-DepEd-BEFP
February 28, 2002
Project Title : Social Expenditure Management Project (SEMP)
Loan No. 4535-PH
Contract Title : Bidding for the Construction/Rehabilitation of School Buildings for Public Elementary and High Schools Nationwide

1. The Government of the Republic of the Philippines has received a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) to provide a budget support facility towards the financing of the Social Expenditure Management Project (SEMP) in various currencies. It is intended that part of the proceeds of this facility will be applied to eligible payments under the contracts for the Basic Education Facilities Program to be implemented by the Department of Education, DepEd.
2. The Department of Education (DepEd) now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the bidding of the construction/rehabilitation of the school buildings for the following: Cluster A - Manila, Muntinlupa City, Las Piñas City, Taguig (PhP15.6 Million) Cluster B - Quezon City (PhP19.1 Million) Cluster C - Tarlac City, Bataan (PhP10.5 Million).
3. For the purpose of this bid, eligible bidders must have the experience in works of equivalent nature and complexity over the last five years.
4. Interested eligible bidders may acquire the complete set of bidding documents (excluding blueprinting of plans) starting March 6, 2002. Upon submission of a letter of intent to the Bid Awards Committee (BAC) c/o Au Mendoza at DepEd Central Office, ULTRA Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, Tel. No. 635-3762, and payment of a non-refundable fee of: PhP 1,500.00. The form of payment will either be in cash or by cashier's/manager's check.
5. The provisions in the instruction to Bidders and in the General Conditions of the Contract are provisions of the World Bank Standard Bidding Documents: Procurement of Works.
6. Bids shall be valid for a period of ninety-days (90) after Bid opening and must be accompanied by a bid security of three (3%) percent of total bid price in the form of a bank guarantee; cashier's/manager's check or irrevocable letter of credit.
7. Bids will be opened in the presence of bidder's representative who chose to attend on April 02, 2002, 1000hrs. at Bulwagan ng Karunungan, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City.
8. Prior to bid opening, a pre-bid conference will be held on March 19, 2002, 1400hrs. Bulwagan ng Karunungan, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City.
9. The Department of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informality therein and to award the package to one or more bidders.

(Sgd.) ERNESTO S. PANGAN
Undersecretary and Chair, Bids and Awards Committee (BAC)
DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City

(PDI - March 3, 4 & 5, 2002)

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

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Expressions of interest together with full CVs and other pertinent documents in support of application for the above mentioned areas of specialization should be submitted on or before 15 March 2002. Only qualified candidates will be acknowledged and be given the full Terms of Reference (TOR).

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Replies/responses should be addressed to:

THE PROJECT CO-DIRECTORS
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November 16, 1927 — March 01, 2002

Old soldiers never die, they just fade away.

...whom you have called in this life. He joins You and his dearly departed parents, son, brother and sisters in your heavenly kingdom. Thank you LORD for giving Papang to us. He will always live on into our hearts, cherish the joys and happiness he has brought us and live forever as an example of love and sacrifice.

We, Mama Liwliwa, Gen. Rowland & Jessica, Marywin, Wilfred (†), Col. Richard & Dra. Pinky, Drs. Maribel & Emmanuel, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, relatives and friends entrust to your eternal care and love.

LORD, please open our hearts and draw us close so we may feel that we are nearer Papang, who is now with You, smiling at us.

Papang, you departed us with our family motto—"never mind the weather so long we are together" will continue to live by it.

Thank you very much for all the good memories we shared with you. We will miss you and forever remain in our hearts.

Papang's remains lie in state at #44 Don Savero Hernando Avenue, Laoag City.

Interment will be at the Laoag City Cemetery. Date will be announced later.

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."
Psalm 23:6

Our Beloved

CELIA TOPACIO LACSON

Born May 15, 1915
Died in the Grace of the Lord on February 27, 2002
at the age of 86.

Her loving brothers **Tomas** and **Hernando** (†); sisters **Arsenia L. Mangubat** (†), **Rogelia L. Aranzazu** (†), **Virginia L. Paredes** (†) and **Rosa L. Tormo** (†); with her nephews and nieces, relatives and friends, request you to join them in remembering her.

Her remains lie at her residence at Gen. Licerio Topacio Compound, Gen. E. Topacio Street, Imus, Cavite.

Interment will be on March 6, 2002 at Imus Cemetery after the necrological service at Imus Unida Church at 3:00 PM.

EZEQUIEL CONSULTA

Peacefully joined our Creator on 2 March 2002
at the age of 77.

His children **GABBY & TENH, NARDY & LEA, LULU & HARRY, CHARITO, RICKY & SHARI, ALBERT & MAITA, CELIA & SANDREL**; grandchildren, relatives and friends request prayers for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie at Our Lady of Sta. Maria della Strada Parish at Katipunan Road, Loyola Heights, Quezon City.

Place and date of interment will be announced later.

Message of Thanks

We, the family of the late

EUFEMIA SISON BUENAVIDES

who joined our Creator on February 18, 2002.

Convey our sincerest gratitude to all those who condoled with us, offered Masses and prayers, sent flowers and messages of sympathy, attended the wake and kept vigil, attended the funeral rites and in many other unknown ways prayed with us in the hour of our bereavement.

(Bunao, Cabalo, De Guia, Francisco, Ramos and Buenavides Family)

Message of Thanks

We wish to extend our heartfelt appreciation to those who shared in our period of bereavement over the death on 24 February 2002 of

EUFROCINA ALCALDE CARDEMA

of Calamba, Laguna, born 21 April 1916

children ROMEO, REYNALDO, VILLAMOR and ERNESTO, sister EMANG; brother JORGE, daughters-in-law RINA and MARISSA; grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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His bereaved wife **Rose**; children **Gussie** and **Beth**, **Alex** and **Ophel**, **Manna** and **Allan**, **Lauren** and **Sonny**, **Myrna** and **Louie**, **Jun**, **Eman**; grandchildren **Ace**, **Christian**, **Babydoll**, **Caesar**, **Daphne**, **Toro**, **Chariza** and **Kim**, request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at St. Peter Memorial Chapels, Quezon Avenue, Quezon City.

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Republic of the Philippines
Department of Labor and Employment
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS COMMISSION
Quezon City

RESOLUTION NO. 01-02

(Series of 2002)

AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE NEW RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS COMMISSION

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 218 of Presidential Decree No. 442, otherwise known as the Labor Code of the Philippines, as amended, the National Labor Relations Commission, sitting en-banc, RESOLVED TO ADOPT AND PROMULGATE, as it hereby adopts and promulgate, the following amendments to the NEW RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS COMMISSION:

1. *Sections 1, 2, and 3 of Rule I are hereby amended to read as follows:*

SECTION 1. TITLE OF THE RULES. These Rules shall be known as the Rules of Procedure of the National Labor Relations Commission.

SECTION 2. CONSTRUCTION. These Rules shall be liberally construed to carry out the objectives of the Constitution, the Labor Code of the Philippines and **OTHER RELEVANT LEGISLATIONS**, and to assist the parties in obtaining just, expeditious and inexpensive settlement of labor disputes.

SECTION 3. SUPPLETORY APPLICATION OF RULES OF COURT. In the absence of any applicable provision in these Rules, and in order to effectuate the objectives of the Labor Code, the pertinent provisions of the Revised Rules of Court of the Philippines may, in the interest of expeditious labor justice and whenever practicable and convenient, be applied by analogy or in a suppletory character and effect.

2. *The last paragraph of Section 1, Rule II is hereby amended to read as follows:*

As used herein, "Regional Arbitration Branch" shall mean any of the regional arbitration branches, OR sub-regional branches of the Commission.

3. *The title of Rule III is hereby amended to read as follows:*

RULE III - PLEADINGS, NOTICES AND APPEARANCES

4. *Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of Rule III are hereby renumbered as Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 respectively, and the new Section 1 shall read as follows:*

SECTION 1. COMPLAINT. a) **COMPLAINT IS A PLEADING ALLEGING THE CAUSE OR CAUSES OF ACTION OF COMPLAINANT/PETITIONER. THE NAMES OF RESPONDENTS MUST BE STATED IN THE COMPLAINT. IT SHALL BE SIGNED UNDER OATH BY THE COMPLAINANT/PETITIONER, WITH A DECLARATION OF NON-FORUM SHOPPING.**

b) A party having more than one cause of action against the other party, arising out of the same relationship, shall **INCLUDE** all of them in one complaint or petition.

FOR THIS PURPOSE, THE COMPLAINT FORM DULY APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION SHALL PREFERABLY BE USED FOR EXPEDIENCY.

5. *Section 1 of Rule III is hereby amended to read as follows:*

SECTION 2. CAPTION AND TITLE. In all cases filed **WITH** the Commission or **WITH** any of its Regional Arbitration Branches, the party initiating the action shall be called the "Complainant" or "Petitioner", and the opposing party the "Respondent".

The full names of all the real parties in interest, whether natural or juridical persons or entities authorized by law, shall be stated in the caption of the complaint or petition as well as in the decisions, **RESOLUTIONS** or **ORDERS**.

6. *Section 2 of Rule III is hereby amended to read as follows:*

SECTION 3. ISSUANCE OF SUMMONS. **WITHIN TWO (2) DAYS FROM** receipt of a case, the Labor Arbiter shall issue the required summons, attaching thereto a copy of the complaint/petition **AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS, IF ANY.** The summons, together with a copy of the complaint, shall specify the date, time and place of the conciliation and mediation conference in two (2) settings.

7. *Section 3 of Rule III is hereby amended to read as follows:*

SECTION 4. PROHIBITED PLEADINGS & MOTIONS. The following pleadings, motions or petitions shall not be allowed in the cases covered by these Rules:

- a) Motion to Dismiss the complaint except on the ground of lack of jurisdiction over the Subject Matter, Improper Venue, Res Adjudicata, Prescription **AND FORUM SHOPPING;**
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- c) Motion for New Trial or Motion for Reconsideration of Judgment or Order of the Labor Arbiter;
- d) Petition for Relief from Judgment **WHEN FILED WITH THE LABOR ARBITER;**
- e) Petition for Certiorari, Mandamus or Prohibition;
- f) Motion to Declare Respondent in Default.

8. *Paragraph (a) of Section 5, Rule III is hereby amended to read as follows:*

SECTION 6. SERVICE OF NOTICES AND RESOLUTIONS. a) Notices or summonsES and copies of orders, shall be served on the parties to the case personally by the bailiff or duly authorized public officer within three (3) days from receipt thereof or by registered mail; provided that in special circumstances, service of summons may be effected in accordance with the pertinent provisions of the Rules of Court; Provided further, that in cases of decisions and final awards, copies thereof shall be served on both parties and their counsel/**REPRESENTATIVE** by registered mail; provided further that in cases where a party to a case or his counsel on record personally seeks service of the decision upon inquiry thereon, service to said party shall be deemed effected upon actual receipt thereof; provided finally, that where parties are so numerous, service shall be made on counsel and upon such number of complainants, as maybe practicable, which shall be considered substantial compliance with Article 224 (a) of the Labor Code, as amended.

For purposes of appeal, the **PERIOD** shall be counted from receipt of such decisions, **RESOLUTIONS**, or orders by the counsel/representative of record.

9. *The first and second paragraphs of Section 7, Rule III are hereby amended to read as follows:*

SECTION 8. APPEARANCES. An attorney appearing for a party is presumed to be properly authorized for that purpose. **HOWEVER, HE SHALL BE REQUIRED TO INDICATE IN HIS PLEADINGS HIS PTR AND IBP NUMBERS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.**

A non-lawyer may appear before the Commission or any Labor Arbiter only if:

- a) he represents himself as party to the case;
- b) he represents a **LEGITIMATE LABOR** organization, **AS DEFINED UNDER ARTICLES 222 AND 242 OF THE LABOR CODE, AS AMENDED** or its members, provided, that he shall be made to present **A VERIFIED CERTIFICATION FROM SAID ORGANIZATION** that he is properly authorized, or;
- c) he is a duly-accredited member of any legal aid office duly recognized by the Department of Justice or Integrated Bar of the Philippines.

10. *Paragraphs (a) and (c) of Section 1, Rule IV are hereby amended to read as follows:*

SECTION 1. VENUE. a) All cases which Labor Arbiters have authority to hear and decide may be filed in the Regional Arbitration Branch having jurisdiction over the workplace of the complainant/petitioner.

For purposes of venue, workplace shall be understood as the place or locality where the employee is regularly assigned when the cause of action arose. It shall include the place where the employee is supposed to report back after a temporary detail, assignment, or travel. In the case of field employees, as well as ambulant or itinerant workers, their workplace is where they are regularly assigned, or where they are supposed to regularly receive their salaries/wages or work instructions from, and report the results of their assignment to, their employers.

b) x x x x x

c) When improper venue is not objected to before the filing of position papers, such **ISSUE** shall be deemed waived.

d) x x x x x

11. *Section 3 of Rule IV is hereby amended to read as follows:*

SECTION 3. CONSOLIDATION OF CASES/COMPLAINTS. Where there are two or more cases/**COMPLAINTS** pending before different Labor Arbiters in the same Regional Arbitration Branch involving the same employer **AND COMMON PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF ACTION** or the same parties with different **CAUSES OF ACTION**, the subsequent cases/**COMPLAINTS** shall be consolidated with the first to avoid unnecessary costs or delay. Such consolidated cases/**COMPLAINTS** shall be disposed of by the Labor Arbiter to whom the first case was assigned.

In case of objection to the consolidation, the same shall be resolved by the **EXECUTIVE** Labor Arbiter. An order resolving the motion shall be inappealable.

12. *The second paragraph of Section 4, Rule IV is hereby amended to read as follows:*

When the Secretary of Labor and Employment has assumed jurisdiction over a strike or lockout dispute or certified the same to the Commission, the parties to such dispute shall immediately inform the Secretary or the Commission, as the case may be, of all cases directly related to the disputes between them pending before any Regional Arbitration Branch, and the Labor Arbiter handling the same of such assumption or certification. **THE LABOR ARBITER CONCERNED SHALL FORWARD WITHIN TWO (2) DAYS FROM NOTICE THE ENTIRE RECORDS OF THE CASE TO THE COMMISSION OR TO THE SECRETARY OF LABOR, AS THE CASE MAY BE, FOR PROPER DISPOSITION.**

13. *Section 1 of Rule V is hereby amended to read as follows:*

SECTION 1. JURISDICTION OF LABOR ARBITERS. Labor Arbiters shall have original and exclusive jurisdiction to hear and decide all cases involving all workers, whether agricultural or non-agricultural, **AS WELL AS CLAIMS OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS** provided for by law.

14. Section 2 of Rule V is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 2. MANDATORY CONCILIATION/MEDIATION CONFERENCE. Within two (2) days from receipt of an assigned case, the Labor Arbiter shall issue the summons to the parties for a conference, for the purpose of amicably settling the case upon a fair compromise, determining the real parties in interest, defining and simplifying the issues in the case, entering into admissions or stipulations of facts and threshing out all other preliminary matters.

CONCILIATION AND MEDIATION EFFORTS SHALL BE EXERTED BY THE LABOR ARBITERS ALL THROUGHOUT THE PROCEEDINGS. Should the parties arrive at any agreement as to the whole or any part of the dispute, the same shall be reduced to writing and signed by the parties and their respective counsel, **OR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE**, if any, before the Labor Arbiter.

The settlement shall be approved by the Labor Arbiter after being satisfied that it was voluntarily entered into by the parties and after having explained to them the terms and consequences thereof.

A compromise agreement entered into by the parties not in the presence of the Labor Arbiter before whom the case is pending shall be approved by him, if after, confronting the parties, particularly the complainant/s, he is satisfied that they understand the terms and conditions of the settlement and that it was entered into freely and voluntarily by them and the agreement is not contrary to law, morals, and public policy.

A compromise agreement duly entered into in accordance with this Section shall be final and binding upon the parties and the Order approving it shall have the effect of a judgment rendered by the Labor Arbiter. Should the parties fail to agree upon an amicable settlement, either in whole or in part, during the conference/s, the Labor Arbiter shall issue an order stating therein the matters taken up and agreed upon during the conference/s and directing the parties to simultaneously file their respective verified position papers.

The mandatory conferences shall, except for justifiable grounds, be terminated within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the first conference.

No motion for postponement shall be entertained **EXCEPT ON MERITORIOUS GROUNDS.** Non-appearance of the complainant/s during the **TWO (2)** scheduled hearings for mediation/conciliation conference shall be a ground for the dismissal of the case without prejudice.

In case of non-appearance of the respondent/s during the first conference, a second conference shall proceed. Non-appearance of the respondent during the second conference shall immediately terminate the mandatory conciliation/mediation conference. The complainant shall thereupon be allowed to file his position paper as well as submit evidence in support of his cause or causes of action after which, the Labor Arbiter shall render his decision on the basis of the evidence on record.

15. *Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 14, 16, 17, 18 and 19 of Rule V are hereby renumbered as Sections 4, 5, 13, 11, 12, 6, 7, 16, 9, 3, 14 and 15 respectively.*

16. *Section 3 of Rule V is hereby amended to read as follows:*

SECTION 4. SUBMISSION OF POSITION PAPERS / MEMORANDA. Without prejudice to the provisions of the last paragraph, SECTION 2 of this Rule, the Labor Arbiter shall direct both parties to submit simultaneously their position papers with supporting documents and affidavits within an inextendible period of ten (10) days from notice of termination of the mandatory conference.

These verified position papers to be submitted shall cover only those claims and causes of action raised in the complaint excluding those that may have been amicably settled, and shall be accompanied by all supporting documents including the affidavits of their respective witnesses which shall take the place of the latter's direct testimony. The parties shall thereafter not be allowed to allege facts, or present evidence to prove facts, not referred to and any cause or causes of action not included in the complaint or position papers, affidavits and other documents.

17. *Section 4 of Rule V is hereby amended to read as follows:*

SECTION 5. DETERMINATION OF NECESSITY OF HEARING. Immediately after the submission by the parties of their position papers/memorandA, the Labor Arbiter shall, motu proprio, determine whether there is a need for a formal trial or hearing. At this stage, he may, at his discretion and for the purpose of making such determination, ask clarificatory questions to further elicit facts or information, including but not limited to the subpoena of relevant documentary evidence, if any, from any party or witness.

18. *Section 5 of Rule V is hereby amended to read as follows:*

SECTION 13. PERIOD TO DECIDE CASE. **THE LABOR ARBITER** shall render his decision within thirty (30) calendar days, without extension, after the submission of the case by the parties for decision, even in the absence of stenographic notes. Provided however, that cases involving Overseas Filipino Workers shall be decided within ninety (90) calendar days after the filing of the complaint which shall **COMMENCE TO RUN** upon acquisition by the Labor Arbiter of jurisdiction over the respondent/s.

19. *Section 6 of Rule V is hereby amended to read as follows:*

SECTION 11. ISSUANCE OF AN ORDER SUBMITTING THE CASE FOR DECISION. After the parties have submitted their position papers and supporting documents, **AND UPON EVALUATION OF THE CASE** the Labor Arbiter finds no necessity of further hearing, he shall issue an order expressly declaring the submission of the case for **DECISION**.

20. *Section 7 of Rule V is hereby amended to read as follows:*

SECTION 12. INHIBITION. A Labor Arbiter may voluntarily inhibit himself from the resolution of a case and shall so state in writing the legal justification/s therefor. Upon motion of a party, either on the ground of relationship within the fourth civil degree of consanguinity or affinity with the adverse party or counsel, or on question of impartiality, the Labor Arbiter may inhibit himself from further hearing the case. Such motion shall be resolved within five (5) days from the filing thereof. An order **DENYING OR GRANTING A MOTION FOR** inhibition is not appealable.

21. *Section 8 of Rule V is hereby transposed to Section 2 of the same rule and incorporated as part of its second paragraph.*

22. *Section 14 of Rule V is hereby amended to read as follows:*

SECTION 16. REVIVAL/RE-OPENING OR RE-FILING OF DISMISSED CASE. A party may file a **MOTION** to revive or re-open a case dismissed without prejudice, within ten (10) calendar days from receipt of notice of the order dismissing the same, otherwise, his only remedy shall be to re-file the case **IN THE ARBITRATION BRANCH OF ORIGIN.**

23. *Section 16 of Rule V is hereby amended to read as follows:*

SECTION 9. **MINUTES** OF PROCEEDINGS. The proceedings before a Labor Arbiter need not be recorded. He shall make a written summary of the proceedings, including the substance of the evidence presented, in consultation with the parties. The written summary shall be signed by the parties and shall form part of the records.

24. *Section 17 of Rule V is hereby amended to read as follows:*

SECTION 3. MOTION TO DISMISS. On or before the date set for the conference, the respondent may file a motion to dismiss. Any motion to dismiss on the ground of lack of jurisdiction, improper venue, or that the cause of action is barred by prior judgment, prescription **OR FORUM SHOPPING**, shall be immediately resolved by the Labor Arbiter by a written order. An order denying the motion to dismiss or suspending its resolution until the final determination of the case is not appealable.

25. *Section 18 of Rule V is hereby amended to read as follows:*

SECTION 14. CONTENTS OF DECISIONS. The decisions/orders of the Labor Arbiter shall be clear and concise and shall include a brief statement of the a) facts of the case; b) issue/s involved; c) applicable law or rules; d) conclusions and the reasons therefor; and e) specific remedy or relief granted. In cases involving monetary awards, the decisions or orders of the Labor Arbiter shall contain the amount awarded.

26. *Section 19 of Rule V is hereby amended to read as follows:*

SECTION 15. MOTIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION/PETITION FOR RELIEF FROM JUDGMENT. No motions for reconsideration/**PETITION FOR RELIEF FROM JUDGMENT** of any decision, **RESOLUTION** or order of a Labor Arbiter shall be allowed. **HOWEVER**, when one such motion **FOR RECONSIDERATION** is filed, it shall be treated as an appeal provided that it complies with the requirements for perfecting an appeal. **IN THE CASE OF A PETITION FOR RELIEF FROM JUDGMENT, THE LABOR ARBITER SHALL ELEVATE THE CASE TO THE COMMISSION FOR DISPOSTION.**

27. *Sections 11 and 12 of Rule V are hereby consolidated, renumbered as Section 8, and amended to read as follows:*

SECTION 8. **PRESENTATION OF EVIDENCE AND** EXTENT OF CROSS-EXAMINATION. The **COMPLAINANT/PETITIONER** shall be the first to present evidence to support his case.

In the cross-examination of witnesses, only relevant, pertinent and material questions necessary to enlighten the presiding Labor Arbiter shall be allowed.

28. *Sections 13 and 14 of Rule V are hereby consolidated, renumbered as Section 10 and amended to read as follows:*

SECTION 10. NON-APPEARANCE OF PARTIES, **AND POSTPONEMENT OF HEARINGS.** a) Non-appearance at a hearing by the complainant or petitioner, who was duly notified thereof, may be sufficient cause to dismiss the case without prejudice. Where proper justification, however, is shown by proper motion to warrant the re-opening of the case, the Labor Arbiter shall call a second hearing and continue the proceedings until the case is finally decided. Dismissal of the case for the second time due to the unjustified non-appearance of the complainant or petitioner who was duly notified thereof shall be with prejudice.

b) In case of **TWO (2) SUCCESSIVE** non-appearanceS by the respondent, despite due notice during the complainant's presentation of evidence, the complainant shall be allowed to present evidence ex-parte, **WITHOUT PREJUDICE** to cross-examination by the respondent at the next hearing. Upon completion of such presentation of evidence for the complainant, another notice of hearing for the reception of the respondent's evidence shall be issued, with a warning that failure of the respondent to appear shall be construed as a waiver on his part to present evidence. In case of such non-appearance by the respondent, despite due notice, the case shall be considered submitted for decision on the basis of the evidence so far presented.

c) The parties and their counsel or representative appearing before a Labor Arbiter shall be prepared for continuous hearing. No postponements or continuances of hearings shall be allowed by the Labor Arbiter except upon meritorious grounds and subject always to the requirement of expeditious disposition of cases and the termination of hearings within ninety (90) calendar days from the date of initial hearing.

d) The provisions of paragraph (c) hereof notwithstanding, in cases involving Overseas Filipino Workers, the aggregate period for conducting the mandatory conciliation/mediation conference and a hearing on the merits shall not exceed sixty (60) days, which shall be reckoned from the date of acquisition by the Labor Arbiter of jurisdiction over the person of the respondent/s.

29. *Section 1 of Rule VI is hereby amended to read as follows:*

SECTION 1. PERIODS OF APPEAL. Decisions, **RESOLUTIONS** or orders of the Labor Arbiter shall be final and executory unless appealed to the Commission by any or both parties within ten (10) calendar days from receipt of such decisions, **RESOLUTIONS** or orders of the Labor Arbiter and in case of a decision of the Regional Director within five (5) calendar days from receipt of such decisions, **RESOLUTIONS**, or orders. If the 10th or 5th day, as the case may be, falls on a Saturday, Sunday or a holiday, the last day to perfect the appeal shall be the next working day.

30. *Paragraph (a) of Section 2, Rule VI is hereby, amended to read as follows:*

SECTION 2. GROUNDS. The appeal may be entertained only on any of the following grounds:

a) If there is prima facie evidence of abuse of discretion on the part of the Labor Arbiter **OR** Regional Director;

31. *Section 3 of Rule VI is hereby amended to read as follows:*

SECTION 3. WHERE FILED. The appeal shall be filed with the respective Regional Arbitration Branch **OR** the Regional Office, where the case was heard and decided.

32. *Section 4 of Rule VI is hereby amended to read as follows:*

SECTION 4 REQUISITES FOR PERFECTION OF APPEAL. a) The Appeal shall be filed within the reglementary period as provided in Section 1 of this Rule; shall be **VERIFIED BY APPELLANT HIMSELF IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 4, RULE 7 OF THE RULES OF COURT**, with proof of payment of the required appeal fee and the posting of a cash or surety bond as provided in Section 6 of this Rule; shall be accompanied by memorandum of appeal **IN THREE (3) LEGIBLY TYPEWRITTEN COPIES** which shall state the grounds relied upon and the arguments in support thereof, the relief prayed for; and a statement of the date when the appellant received the appealed decision, **RESOLUTION** or order **AND A CERTIFICATE OF NON-FORUM SHOPPING WITH** proof of service on the other party of such appeal. A mere notice of appeal without complying with the other requisites aforestated shall not stop the running of the period for perfecting an appeal.

b) The appellee may file with the Regional Arbitration Branch **OR** Regional Office where the appeal was filed, his answer or reply to appellant's memorandum of appeal, not later than ten (10) calendar days from receipt thereof. Failure on the part of the appellee who was properly furnished with a copy of the appeal to file his answer or reply within the said period may be construed as a waiver on his part to file the same.

c) Subject to the provisions of Article 218, once the appeal is perfected in accordance with these Rules, the Commission **SHALL** limit itself to reviewing and deciding specific issues that were elevated on appeal.

33. *Section 5 of Rule VI is hereby amended to read as follows:*

SECTION 5. APPEAL FEE. The appellant shall pay an appeal fee of one hundred **FIFTY** pesos (P150.00) to the Regional Arbitration Branch **OR** Regional Office, and the official receipt of such payment shall be attached to the records of the case.

34. *Section 6 of Rule VI is hereby amended to read as follows:*

SECTION 6. BOND. In case the decision of the Labor Arbiter **OR** the Regional Director involves a monetary award, an appeal by the employer **MAY** be perfected only upon the posting of a cash or surety bond. **THE APPEAL BOND SHALL EITHER BE IN CASH OR SURETY IN AN AMOUNT EQUIVALENT TO THE MONETARY AWARD, EXCLUSIVE OF DAMAGES AND ATTORNEY'S FEES.**

IN CASE OF SURETY BOND, THE SAME SHALL BE ISSUED BY A REPUTABLE BONDING COMPANY DULY ACCREDITED BY THE COMMISSION OR THE SUPREME COURT, AND SHALL BE ACCOMPANIED BY:

a) A JOINT DECLARATION UNDER OATH BY THE EMPLOYER, HIS COUNSEL, AND THE BONDING COMPANY, ATTESTING THAT THE BOND POSTED IS GENUINE, AND SHALL BE IN EFFECT UNTIL FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE CASE.

b) A COPY OF THE INDEMNITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EMPLOYER-APPELLANT AND BONDING COMPANY; AND

c) A COPY OF SECURITY DEPOSIT OR COLLATERAL SECURING THE BOND.

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY OF THE BOND SHALL BE FURNISHED BY THE APPELLANT TO THE APPELLEE WHO SHALL VERIFY THE REGULARITY AND GENUINENESS THEREOF AND IMMEDIATELY REPORT TO THE COMMISSION ANY IRREGULARITY.

UPON VERIFICATION BY THE COMMISSION THAT THE BOND IS IRREGULAR OR NOT GENUINE, THE COMMISSION SHALL CAUSE THE IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL OF THE APPEAL.

NO MOTION TO REDUCE BOND SHALL BE ENTERTAINED EXCEPT ON MERITORIOUS GROUNDS AND UPON THE POSTING OF A BOND IN A REASONABLE AMOUNT IN RELATION TO THE MONETARY AWARD.

The filing of the motion to reduce bond **WITHOUT COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUISITES IN THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPH** shall not stop the running of the period to perfect **AN** appeal.

35. *Sections 8 and 9 of Rule VI are hereby renumbered as Sections 9 and 8, respectively.*

36. *Section 8 of Rule VI is hereby amended to read as follows:*

SECTION 9. TRANSMITTAL OF RECORDS OF CASES ON APPEAL. Within forty-eight (48) hours after the filing of the appeal, the records of the case, **WITH A CORRESPONDING INDEX OF CONTENTS THEREOF**, together with the memorandum of appeal and the reply or answer thereto, if any, proofs of service **IF AVAILABLE, PROOF** of payment of the appeal fee, and **THE APPEAL BOND POSTED**, shall be **OFFICIALLY** transmitted by the **OFFICE OF ORIGIN** to the Commission.

37. *Section 9 of Rule VI is hereby amended to read as follows:*

SECTION 8. RECORDS OF CASES ON APPEAL. The records of a case shall contain, among others, **THE ORIGINAL COPY OF THE COMPLAINT**, pleadings, **MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS**; notices, transcripts of stenographic notes, if any, **DECISIONS/ORDERS/RESOLUTIONS**, proof of service of the decision, **IF AVAILABLE**; order or **COMPUTATION OF THE** award; and **EVIDENCE SUBMITTED**, which shall be chronologically arranged and **PAGED PROMINENTLY**.

38. *Section 10 of Rule VI is hereby amended to read as follows:*

SECTION 10. PERFECTION OF APPEAL; EFFECT. Without prejudice to the provisions of Section 3, Rule VIII of these Rules, once an appeal is filed, the Labor Arbiter loses jurisdiction over the case. All motions/pleadings pertaining thereto shall thereafter be addressed to and filed with the Commission.

39. *Section 11 of Rule VI is hereby amended to read as follows:*

SECTION 11. FRIVOLOUS OR DILATORY APPEALS. To discourage frivolous or dilatory appeals, the Commission may impose **APPROPRIATE SANCTION** upon the erring parties.

40. *Section 2 of Rule VII is hereby amended to read as follows:*

SECTION 2. COMPOSITION/ INTERNAL FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMISSION EN BANC AND ITS DIVISIONS. a) **COMPOSITION. UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW**, the Commission **SHALL BE** composed of the Chairman and of fourteen (14) **COMMISSIONERS**.

b) Commission en banc. The Commission shall sit en banc only for purposes of promulgating rules and regulations governing the hearing and disposition of cases before its Divisions and Regional Arbitration Branches, and for the formulation of policies affecting its administration and operations. **IT MAY, ON TEMPORARY OR EMERGENCY BASIS, ALLOW CASES WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF ANY DIVISION TO BE HEARD BY ANY OTHER DIVISION WHOSE DOCKET ALLOWS THE ADDITIONAL WORKLOAD AND SUCH TRANSFER WILL NOT EXPOSE LITIGANTS TO UNNECESSARY ADDITIONAL EXPENSE.**

c). Divisions. Unless otherwise provided by law, the Commission shall exercise its adjudicatory and all other powers, functions and duties through its five (5) Divisions. Each Division shall consist of one member from the public sector who shall act as the Presiding Commissioner and one member each from the workers and employers sectors, respectively.

Of the five (5) Divisions, the First, Second and Third Divisions shall have exclusive territorial jurisdiction over appeals of cases coming from Luzon; Fourth Division, appealed cases from VisayaS Region; and the Fifth Division, appealed cases from Mindanao including those from the Autonomous Region for Muslim Mindanao.

d). Headquarters, Branches and Provincial Extension Units. As provided by law, the Commission and its First, Second and Third Divisions shall have their main office in the National Capital Region, and the Fourth and Fifth Divisions in the cities of Cebu and Cagayan de Oro, respectively.

41. *Section 4 of Rule VII is hereby amended to read as follows:*

SECTION 4. SESSION EN BANC/QUORUM AND VOTE. a) Commission en banc **THE CHAIRMAN SHALL CALL THE COMMISSION TO A SESSION EN BANC AT LEAST TWICE A YEAR, PREFERABLY FIRST WEEK OF JUNE AND FIRST WEEK OF DECEMBER** to deliberate on and decide any matter before it. **HOWEVER**, A majority of **ALL** the members **OF THE COMMISSION MAY CALL A SPECIAL EN BANC SESSION TO DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON URGENT AND VITAL MATTERS WHICH NEED IMMEDIATE ACTION.**

b) **QUORUM.** The presence of a majority of all the members of the Commission shall be necessary to constitute a quorum. The vote or concurrence of **THE** majority of the members constituting a quorum shall **BE** the decision or resolution of the Commission en banc.

c). Division. The presence of at least two (2) Commissioners of a Division shall constitute a quorum. The concurrence of two (2) Commissioners of a Division shall be necessary for the pronouncement of a judgment or resolution.

Whenever the required membership in a Division is not complete and the concurrence of two (2) Commissioners to arrive at a judgment or resolution cannot be obtained, the Chairman shall designate such number of additional Commissioners from the other Divisions as may be necessary from the same sector.

d). Role of Chairman in the Division. The Chairman of the Commission may convene and preside over the session of any Division to consider any case pending before it and participate in its deliberations, if in his judgment, his presence therein will best serve the interests of labor justice. He shall not however, participate in the voting by the Division, except when he is acting as Presiding Commissioner of the Division in the absence of the regular Presiding Commissioner.

42. *Section 7 of Rule VII is hereby amended to read as follows:*

SECTION 7. INHIBITION. **NO MOTION TO INHIBIT THE ENTIRE DIVISION OF THE COMMISSION SHALL BE ENTERTAINED. HOWEVER**, any Commissioner may inhibit himself from the consideration and resolution of any case/matter before the Division and shall so state in writing the legal or justifiable grounds therefor. In the event that a member inhibits himself, the case shall be raffled by the Executive Clerk or Deputy Executive Clerk to either of the two (2) remaining Commissioners. **IN CASE TWO (2) COMMISSIONERS IN A DIVISION INHIBIT THEMSELVES IN A CASE OR MATTER BEFORE IT, THE CHAIRMAN SHALL, AS FAR AS PRACTICABLE, APPOINT TWO COMMISSIONERS FROM OTHER DIVISIONS REPRESENTING THE SECTOR OF THE COMMISSIONERS WHO INHIBITED THEMSELVES.**

43. Section 11 of Rule VII is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 11. DUTY TO CONCILIATE AND MEDIATE. In the exercise of its **EXCLUSIVE**, original **AND APPELLATE** jurisdiction, the Commission shall exert all efforts towards the amicable settlement of a labor dispute.

THE SETTLEMENT OF CASES ON APPEAL, TO BE VALID AND BINDING BETWEEN THE PARTIES, SHALL BE MADE BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OR HIS AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE.

44. Section 12 of Rule VII is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 12. ROLE OF THE LABOR ARBITER ASSIGNED TO THE COMMISSION. In the resolution of cases **ON APPEAL, AND THOSE** mentioned in Rules IX **AND XI**, the Commission shall be assisted by the Labor Arbiter who may be directed to study, review, hear and receive evidence and submit reports thereto.

45. *Section 13 of Rule VII is hereby amended to read as follows:*

SECTION 13. FORM OF DECISION/RESOLUTION/ORDER. The decision/resolution/**ORDER** shall state clearly and distinctly the findings of facts, issues and conclusions of law on which it is based and relief granted, if any. If the decision or resolution/**ORDER** involves monetary awards, the same shall contain the specific amount awarded as of the date the decision is rendered.

46. Section 14 of Rule VII is hereby renumbered as Section 15 and the new Section 14 shall read as follows:

SECTION 14. FINALITY OF DECISION OF THE COMMISSION AND ENTRY OF JUDGMENT. a) Finality of the Decisions, Resolutions or Orders of the Commission. Except as provided in Rule XI, section 9, the decisions, resolutions or orders of the Commission/Division shall become executory after ten (10) calendar days from receipt of the same.

b). Entry Of Judgment. Upon the expiration of the ten (10) calendar day period provided in **PARAGRAPH (A) OF THIS SECTION**, the decision/resolution/order shall, as far as practicable, **BE** entered in a book of entriES of judgment.

c) ALLOWANCE FOR DELAY OF MAIL IN THE ISSUANCE OF ENTRIES OF JUDGMENT. IN ISSUING ENTRIES OF JUDGMENT, THE EXECUTIVE CLERK OF COURT OR THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE CLERK, IN THE ABSENCE OF A RETURN CARD OR CERTIFICATION FROM THE POST OFFICE CONCERNED, SHALL DETERMINE THE FINALITY OF THE DECISION BY MAKING ALLOWANCE FOR DELAY OF MAIL, COMPUTED SIXTY (60) CALENDAR DAYS FROM THE DATE OF MAILING OF THE DECISION, RESOLUTION OR ORDER.

47. *Section 14 of Rule VII is hereby amended to read as follows:*

SECTION 15. MOTIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION. Motion for reconsideration of any decision/resolution/order of the Commission shall not be entertained except when based on palpable or patent errors, provided that the motion is under oath and filed within ten (10) calendar days from receipt of decision/resolution/order, with proof of service that a copy of the same has been furnished, within the reglementary period, the adverse party, and provided further, that only one such motion from the same party shall be entertained.

Should a motion for reconsideration be entertained pursuant to **THIS** section, the **RESOLUTION** shall be executory after ten (10) calendar days from receipt **THEREOF**.

48. *Section 15 of Rule VII is hereby deleted.*

49. *The title of Rule VIII is hereby amended to read as follows:*

RULE VIII - EXECUTION PROCEEDINGS

50. *Section 1 of Rule VIII is hereby renumbered as Section 2 and the new Section 1 shall read as follows:*

SECTION 1. PRE-EXECUTION CONFERENCE. WITHIN TWO (2) WORKING DAYS FROM RECEIPT OF THE MOTION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A WRIT OF EXECUTION AND SUBJECT TO SECTION 2, PARAGRAPH B, THE LABOR ARBITER SHALL SCHEDULE A PRE-EXECUTION CONFERENCE/HEARING TO THRESH OUT MATTERS RELEVANT TO EXECUTION.

51. *Section 1 of Rule VIII is hereby amended to read as follows:*

SECTION 2. ISSUANCE OF A WRIT. a) Execution shall issue upon a decision, resolution or order that finally disposes of the actions or proceedings after the counsel of record and the parties shall have been furnished with copies of the decision in accordance with these Rules but only after the expiration of the period of appeal if no appeal has been duly **FILED**.

b) No motion for execution shall be entertained nor a writ be issued unless the Labor Arbiter/**COMMISSION** is in possession of the records of the case which shall include an Entry of Judgment in case of appeal except that, as provided for in Section 10 of Rule VI, and in those cases where partial execution is allowed by law, the Labor Arbiter shall retain duplicate original copies of the decision to be implemented and proof of service thereof for the purpose of its immediate enforcement.

52. *Section 2, Rule VIII is hereby transposed to Rule VII, with paragraphs (a) and (d) of the former being incorporated as paragraphs (a) and (d), respectively, of Section 14 of the latter and paragraph (c) of the former incorporated as the second paragraph of Section 15 of the latter.*

53. *Sections 3, 4 and 5 of Rule VIII are hereby renumbered as Sections 5, 7 and 10, respectively, and the new Sections 3 and 4 shall read as follows:*

SECTION 3. ISSUANCE OF PARTIAL WRIT PENDING APPEAL. In case the decision includes an order of reinstatement, the Labor Arbiter shall immediately issue a partial writ of execution **EVEN PENDING APPEAL** directing the employer to immediately reinstate the dismissed employee **EITHER PHYSICALLY OR THROUGH PAYROLL AND TO PAY THE CORRESPONDING SALARIES AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE REINSTATEMENT.**

SECTION 4. EFFECT OF PERFECTION OF APPEAL ON EXECUTION. THE PERFECTION OF APPEAL SHALL STAY THE EXECUTION OF THE DECISION OF A LABOR ARBITER ON APPEAL EXCEPT PARTIAL EXECUTION FOR REINSTATEMENT PENDING APPEAL.

54. *Section 3 of Rule VIII is hereby amended to read as follows:*

SECTION 5. COMPUTATION DURING EXECUTION. Where further computation of the **DECISION, RESOLUTION OR ORDER** is necessary, no execution shall issue until after computation shall have been approved by the Labor Arbiter **IN AN ORDER** after the parties shall have been duly notified and heard thereon.

55. *Section 4 of Rule VIII is hereby amended to read as follows:*

SECTION 7. ENFORCEMENT OF WRIT. In executing an order, resolution or decision, the sheriff or other **AUTHORIZED** officer acting as such, shall be guided strictly by the Sheriff's Manual (NLRC Manual on Execution of Judgment) which shall form part of these Rules, and in the absence of applicable rules, the **REVISED** Rules of Court, **AS AMENDED.**

56. *Section 5 of Rule VIII is hereby amended to read as follows.*

SECTION 10. DESIGNATION OF SPECIAL SHERIFFS AND IMPOSITION OF FINES. The Chairman of the Commission may designate special Sheriffs and take any measure, under existing laws to ensure compliance with **THE** decisions, resolutions or orders **OF THE COMMISSION** and those of Labor Arbiters, including the imposition of administrative fines which shall not be less than P500.00 nor more than P10,000.00.

57. *Section 5 of Rule VIII is hereby amended to read as follows:*

SECTION 6. EFFECT OF FILING OF PETITION FOR CERTIORARI ON EXECUTION. A PETITION FOR CERTIORARI WITH THE COURT OF APPEALS OR THE SUPREME COURT SHALL NOT STAY THE EXECUTION OF THE ASSAILED DECISION UNLESS A TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER IS ISSUED BY THE COURT OF APPEALS OR THE SUPREME COURT.

58. *Sections 8 and 9, providing as follows, are hereby added to Rule VIII:*

SECTION 8. RESOLUTION OF MOTION TO QUASH. A MOTION TO QUASH SHALL BE RESOLVED BY THE LABOR ARBITER WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS FROM SUBMISSION OF SAID MOTION FOR RESOLUTION.

SECTION 9. RESOLUTION OF THIRD PARTY CLAIM. SHOULD A THIRD PARTY CLAIM BE FILED DURING EXECUTION OF THE JUDGMENT AWARD, THE THIRD PARTY CLAIMANT SHALL EXECUTE AN AFFIDAVIT STATING HIS TITLE TO PROPERTY OR POSSESSION THEREOF WITH SUPPORTING EVIDENCE AND SHALL FILE THE SAME WITH THE SHERIFF AND COPIES THEREOF SERVED UPON THE LABOR ARBITER OR PROPER OFFICER ISSUING THE WRIT. UPON RECEIPT OF THE THIRD PARTY CLAIM, ALL PROCEEDINGS, WITH RESPECT TO THE EXECUTION OF THE PROPERTY SUBJECT OF THE THIRD PARTY CLAIM, SHALL AUTOMATICALLY BE SUSPENDED. THE LABOR ARBITER WHO ISSUED THE WRIT MAY REQUIRE THE THIRD PARTY CLAIMANT TO ADDUCE ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT OF HIS THIRD PARTY CLAIM AND TO POST CASH OR SURETY BOND AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 6, RULE VI, WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE POSTING BY THE PREVAILING PARTY OF A SUPERSEDEAS BOND IN AN AMOUNT EQUIVALENT TO THAT POSTED BY THE THIRD PARTY CLAIMANT, AND RESOLVE THE PROPRIETY OF SUCH CLAIM WITHIN TEN (10) WORKING DAYS FROM SUBMISSION OF THE CLAIM FOR RESOLUTION.

59. *Sections 3 and 4 of Rule IX are hereby deleted.*

60. *Section 5 of Rule IX is hereby renumbered as Section 3 and the new Section 5 shall read as follows:*

SECTION 5. EXECUTION OF CERTIFIED CASE. THE COMMISSION SHALL ISSUE AN ORDER OF EXECUTION UPON MOTION OF THE PARTIES AND UPON RECEIPT OF ENTRY OF JUDGMENT.

61. *Section 5 of Rule IX is hereby amended to read as follows:*

SECTION 3. EFFECTS OF CERTIFICATION. a) Upon certification, the intended or impending strike or lockout is automatically enjoined, notwithstanding the filing of any motion for reconsideration of the certification order nor the non-resolution of any such motion which may have been duly submitted to the Office of the Secretary of Labor and Employment. If a work stoppage has already taken place at the time of the certification, all striking or locked out employees shall immediately return to work and the employer shall immediately resume operations and readmit all workers under the same terms and conditions prevailing before the strike or lockout.

b) All cases between the same parties, except where the certification order specifies **OTHERWISE** the issues submitted for arbitration which are already filed or may be filed, and are relevant to or are proper incidents of the certified case, shall be considered subsumed or absorbed by the certified case, and shall be decided by the appropriate Division of the Commission.

THE PARTIES TO A CERTIFIED CASE, UNDER PAIN OF CONTEMPT, SHALL INFORM THEIR COUNSELS AND THE DIVISION CONCERNED OF ALL CASES PENDING WITH THE REGIONAL ARBITRATION BRANCHES AND VOLUNTARY ARBITRATORS RELATIVE OR INCIDENT TO THE CERTIFIED CASE BEFORE IT.

Whenever a certified labor dispute involves a business entity with several workplaces located in different regions, the Division having territorial jurisdiction over the principal office of the company shall acquire jurisdiction to decide such labor dispute; unless the certification order provides otherwise.

62. *Section 6 of Rule IX is hereby renumbered as Section 4 and the first paragraph thereof amended to read as follows:*

SECTION 4. EFFECTS OF DEFIANCE. Non-compliance with certification order of the Secretary of Labor and Employment or a return to work order of the Commission shall be considered an illegal act committed in the course of the strike or lockout and shall authorize the Commission to enforce the same under pain of loss of employment status or entitlement to full employment benefits from the locking-out employer or backwages, damages and/or other positive and/or affirmative reliefs, even to criminal prosecution against the liable party/ies.

63. *Section 2 of Rule X is hereby amended to read as follows:*

SECTION 2. INDIRECT CONTEMPT. The Commission or any Labor Arbiter may also cite any person for indirect contempt upon **THE FOLLOWING** grounds:

A) MISBEHAVIOUR OF AN EMPLOYEE OR ANY OFFICER IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS OFFICIAL DUTIES OR IN HIS OFFICIAL TRANSACTION;

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D) ANY IMPROPER CONDUCT, DIRECT OR INDIRECT, TO IMPEDE, OBSTRUCT OR DEGRADE THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE;

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F) FAILURE TO OBEY A SUBPOENA DULY SERVED;

G) OTHER GROUNDS ANALOGOUS TO THE FOREGOING

ANY PERSON ADJUDGED GUILTY OF INDIRECT CONTEMPT SHALL OBSERVE THE SAME PROCEDURE AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECOND PARAGRAPH OF SECTION 1 HEREOF.

64. *Section 1 of Rule XI is hereby amended to read as follows:*

SECTION 1. INJUNCTION IN ORDINARY LABOR DISPUTES. A preliminary injunction or restraining order may be granted by the Commission through its Divisions pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (e) of Article 218 of the Labor Code, as amended, when it is established on the basis of the sworn allegations in the petition that the acts complained of involving or arising from any labor dispute before the Commission, which, if not restrained or performed forthwith, may cause grave or irreparable damage to any party or render ineffectual any decision in favor of such party.

A CERTIFICATION OF NON-FORUM SHOPPING SHALL ACCOMPANY THE PETITION FOR INJUNCTION.

The writ of preliminary injunction or **TEMPORARY** restraining order shall **BECOME EFFECTIVE** only upon **POSTING** of the **REQUIRED CASH** bond **IN THE AMOUNT TO BE DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION TO** answer for any damage that may be suffered by the party enjoined, if it is finally determined that the petitioner is not entitled thereto.

65. *Paragraph (c) of Section 2, Rule XI is hereby amended to read as follows:*

c) That as to each item **OF** relief to be granted, greater injury will be inflicted upon the complainant by the denial of relief **THAN** will be inflicted upon defendants by the granting of relief;

66. *Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of Rule XI are hereby renumbered as Sections 4, 3, 8, 9, 6, 5, 10 and 7 respectively.*

67. *Section 5 of Rule XI is hereby amended to read as follows:*

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY OF THE TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER. A temporary restraining order shall be effective for no longer than twenty (20) days and shall become void at the expiration of said twenty (20) days. During the said period, the parties shall be required to present evidence to substantiate their respective positions in the main petition.

68. *Section 6 of Rule XI is hereby amended to read as follows:*

SECTION 7. CASH BOND. No temporary restraining order or temporary injunction shall be issued except on condition that **PETITIONER** shall first file an undertaking **TO ANSWER FOR THE DAMAGES AND POST A CASH BOND IN THE AMOUNT NOT** less than **THIRTY** thousand pesos (P30,000.00) **OR AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION**, to recompense those enjoined for any loss, expense or damage caused by the improvident or erroneous issuance of such order or injunction, including all reasonable costs, together with a reasonable attorney's fee, and expense of defense against the **ORDER OR AGAINST THE** granting of any injunctive relief sought in the same proceeding and subsequently denied by the Commission.

69. *Section 7 of Rule XI is hereby amended to read as follows:*

SECTION 10. ORDINARY REMEDY IN LAW OR IN EQUITY. Nothing in this Rule shall deprive any party having **A** claim or cause of action under or upon such undertaking from electing to pursue his ordinary remedy by suit at law or in equity.

70. *Section 8 of Rule XI is hereby amended to read as follows:*

SECTION 5. RECEPTION OF EVIDENCE; DELEGATION. The reception of evidence for the application of a writ of injunction may be delegated by the Commission to any of its Labor Arbiters who shall conduct such hearings in such places as he may determine to be accessible to the parties and their witnesses, and shall thereafter submit his report/**RECOMMENDATION** to the Commission within fifteen (15) days from such delegation.

71. *Section 10 of Rule XI is hereby amended to read as follows:*

SECTION 9. EFFECTS OF DEFIANCE. The order or resolution enjoining the **PERFORMANCE** of illegal acts shall be immediately executory in accordance with the terms thereof. In case of non-compliance with such order or resolution, the Commission shall impose such sanctions and shall issue such orders as may be necessary to implement the said Order or Resolution, including the enlistment of law enforcement agencies having jurisdiction over the area for the purpose of enforcing the same.

72. *Section 4 (b) of Rule XII is hereby amended to read as follows:*

b) Filing of Pleadings. He shall receive and file all cases/pleadings and documents indicating thereon the date and time filed. All pleadings shall be filed in **THREE** (3) legibly typewritten copies in legal size;

73. *Section 4 (h) of Rule XII is hereby amended to read as follows:*

h) Entry of Judgment. He shall keep a Book of **ENTRIES** of Judgment, Decisions, Resolutions, Orders containing in chronological order the entries of all final Orders, Decisions, Resolutions of the Commission.

74. *Section 4 (i) of Rule XII is hereby amended to read as follows:*

i) Disposition/Remand of Records. Upon entry of judgment, he shall immediately remand the records of the case to the arbitration branch of origin, Regional Director or his duly authorized officer, as the case may be. The Records Section shall immediately post said records without delay within two (2) working days;

75. *Section 7 of Rule XII is hereby amended to read as follows:*

SECTION 7. ACCESS TO COMMISSION RECORDS. All official records of the Commission shall be open to the public during regular office hours, except those kept by it in the nature of confidential reports, records or communications which cannot be divulged without violating private rights or prejudicing the public interest. Minutes of hearingS/sessions may not be divulged until after promulgation of the Decision/Resolution.

76. *Section 1 of Rule XIII is hereby amended to read as follows:*

SECTION 1. EFFECTIVITY. These Rules shall take effect fifteen (15) days after their publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

This Resolution shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication, in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

SIGNED this 12th day of February 2002, in Quezon City, Philippines.

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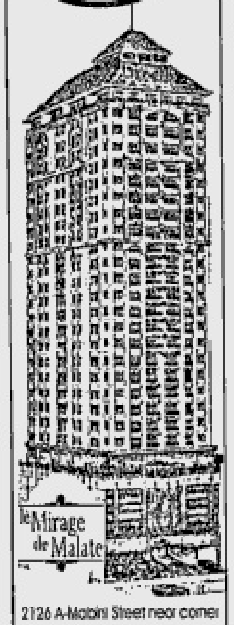

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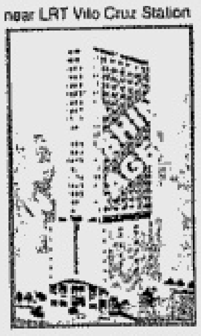

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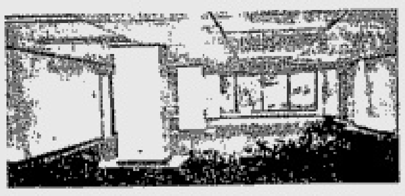

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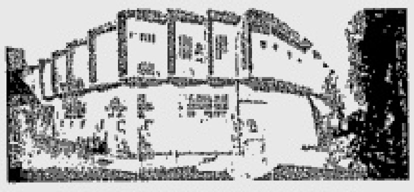

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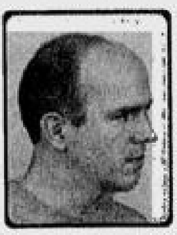

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By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

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The ladies went from one slum dwelling to another (a first for many of them) and asked the families what they needed. The paramount answer was the need to get a job and build a decent life for their families.

Thus was born the Kilusang Pinagkaisahan, a non-stock, non-profit organization that offered the Makati poor free skills training and eventually marketing support to sell their products.

Its first training center and welfare store was a one-story house at the corner of Edsa and Danlig Street. Over 30 years, it has moved twice before settling in its present home at Guadalupe Nuevo in Makati.

"We started with box making, quilting, rug making and bag making and we eventually sold many of the products through word of mouth and by convincing our friends and family to buy them to help the poor," says former Kilusan president Ma. Victoria A Concepcion, wife of former Trade and Industry Secretary Joe S. Concepcion.

SOME of the products made by the indigents and out of school youth helped by the Kilusang Pinagkaisahan Inc.

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Managing a charity and livelihood project, however, is not as easy as it sounds, which is one reason why many livelihood projects eventually fade away. There is also the nasty Filipino trait of *ningas cogon.*

But these Makati housewives persevered and put in a lot of their time to help teach the jobless men and women the rudiments of these arts and crafts, not to mention the funds to bankroll the projects.

The efforts have paid off as many of the poor families who participated in the training and did well were eventually able to put up their own shops, either in boxes, bags or quilts.

The craftsmanship and creativity of the Kilusan people have also developed over the years that it now supplies the packaging needs of a number of top shops in Makati, including hotels.

From a pure charity operation, the Kilusang Pinagkaisahan has become a revenue generating operation. The members only have to step in once in a while to keep the operations professional and the quality at a high standard.

It has supplied or still supplying to stores such as Rustan's, Tesoro's, Wrap Shop, Balikbayan and one buyer supplies the Makati Shangri-la. The Department of Foreign Affairs has also bought a number of its products and even the Office of the President.

Many of the socialites have also made it a habit to order some of their Christmas gifts from the Kilusan, especially for boxes, which have become the specialty of the men and women who work with the Kilusan.

It produces shoe boxes (the most popular item), picture frames, desk sets, lap desks, jewelry boxes and file and/or photo boxes, and it also still produces quilted items.

Sales in 1970 amounted to only P54,000. It grew to almost P400,000 in 1975. By 1990, sales reached P3.43 million and in 1995, P4.18 million.

Rising overhead expenses and competition from cheap products from abroad, however, adversely affected Kilusan's operations but it has managed to survive because it continues to get local orders.

"The business has its ups and downs but we have managed to survive because we also emphasize on quality and in the design. We do good work that is why we lasted and why we are able to continue our training programs," says Kilusan member Mila Camus.

Concepcion says it is a challenge for the Kilusan members to remain committed to the project, prompting the group to call vision setting meetings once in a while to get the group's spirits up.

She, however, says that they have managed to survive despite these difficulties because there are still those people who feel that it is only in giving do they truly gain. *(For more information, please call 882-2726)*

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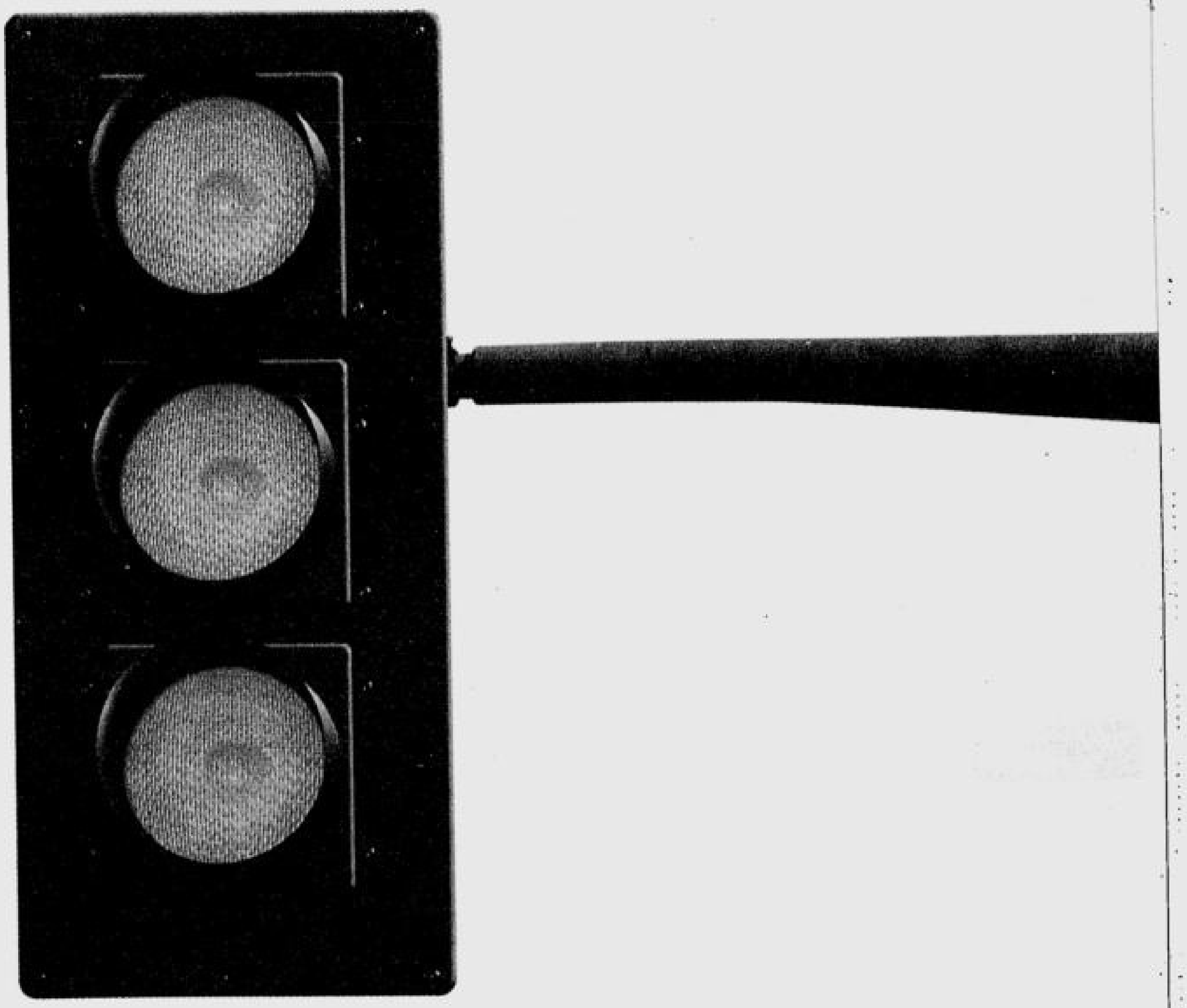

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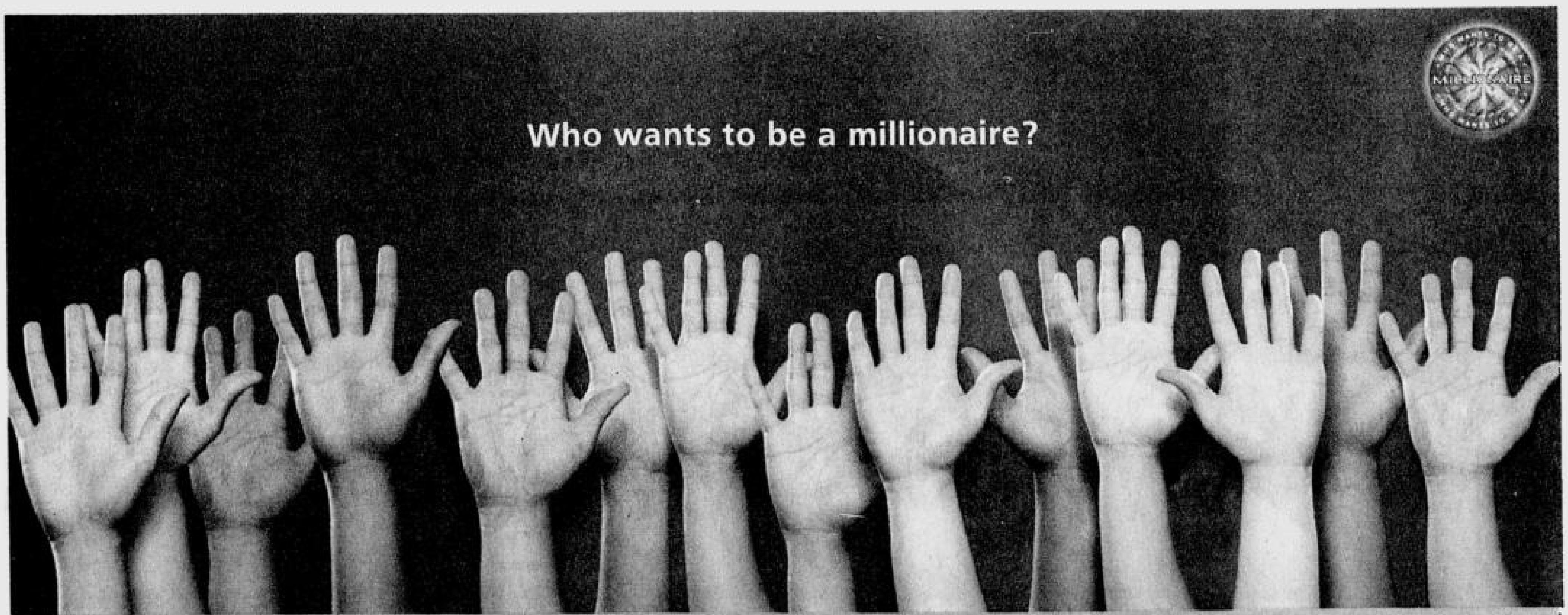

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A NUN. A happily married woman and prominent columnist. A lesbian who's also a mother of three.

You can't find more different women than these three, yet they are sisters in a common cause. All of them are ardent feminists who have earned their fair share of stripes in the battle for women's rights.

One of them actively worked against a dictatorship. Another never fails to put the issue of domestic violence before the public's attention. Still another keeps founding one feminist organization after another.

The lesbian is acerbic about men though admitting they can be part of the solution. The married lady believes that men are integral part of the cause, and the nun claims to have had deeply platonic relationships with males that could rival any marriage.

Benedictine Sister Mary John Mananzan is the president of St. Scholastica's College who has integrated a compulsory course on women's studies in the curriculum and established the Institute for Women Studies in order to redefine gender roles and foster women's leadership for future generations.

Anna Leah Sarabia is the moving spirit behind Women's Media Circle Foundation, which tries to train the spotlight on gender issues, specifically domestic violence. She now heads CLIC (Can't Live in the Closet!), an NGO that fights discrimination against gays in schools, the workplace and society. She is also a writer on culture, arts and music, and is an anthropologist by training.

Rina Jimenez David is the award-winning columnist of the PDI who has cast her lot with the campaign to eliminate domestic violence and abuses against women. She has strengthened women's role in politics by leading the women's political group, Abanse! Pinay.

To start off March as Women's Month, here are three women warriors who will take no male prisoners.

If you didn't become a nun, what would you have become?

M: An entertainer? (Laughter) I don't know.

Have you always wanted to be a nun?

M: No.

Were you always spiritual?

M: No. (Laughs) When I was in high school *kasi* I was with the *madre* all the time. *Kaya nga sabi ko*, "Don't ask me why I entered; ask me why I've stayed." (Laughs) *Kasi* I entered at 19. Who knows what life is all about at 19? But why do you stay, *'yun dapat ang tanong*.

Okay, why do you stay?

M: Because for me it's a meaningful life. It's a significant life. *Sabi ko nga sa mga madre namin*, "You know, we really ought to be at the forefront of the women's movement because we are the group of women who can live significant lives without a husband. Other women have reflected glory: '*Hindi ako senadora pero senador ang asawa ko, so Mrs. Senadora na rin ako*'." So I tell the nuns, "You really ought to be proud because you exist as yourselves. Your significance doesn't come from serving somebody else." During martial law I felt safer that we had institutional support. "We have to risk more because we have more safety than the lay people." *Sila puwedeng dukutin kahit na kailan, 'di ba?* Whereas with us, they'd have to pass through guards. (Chuckles)

Weren't you harassed at all?

M: Harassed, *pero* not really...

Nuns were not arrested?

M: Actually the nuns who were arrested were not the real *aktibista*. *Nakakatawa nga, eh. 'Yung mga aktibista kasi marunong tumakbo. Etong mga ito*, superiors' meeting, *gusto nilang makita. Hindi nila alam... ayan na pala 'yung mga pulis. Hay, naku! Nahuli sa amin anim.*

I noticed that Filipino nuns are everywhere in the world.

M: We are being assigned. Our prioress in Namibia is a Filipina. Our mother general, the first non-German mother general, is a Filipina. Actually she's my best friend. We studied in Germany together so I know her very well. She's been there for 18 years. *Sa* Africa *kami na ang nagpapadala*... Do you know that we started the first migrant workers' center in Europe? I was there '82-'85. We began the migrant center in '84... in Madrid.

We have overseas workers, and the women become either DH or sex workers. Is that one of the missions...?

M: Yes. Like that one that we started in Madrid and Barcelona, because after Madrid I went to Barcelona. Actually I was there for research. It so happened that there was a congregation of nuns there, 25 *na lang sila*. They wanted to unite with us. Since I was there, the mother general told me, "Mary John, you look for work for us." *Naisip ko, ang daming* Filipinos *dito, sila na lang ang pagsilbihan natin*. So we put up the migrant center... Anna Leah de Leon, hi, please sit here!

Anna Leah Sarabia (A): (Emphatic) Oh, she's still calling me De Leon! (Laughs)

M: Oh, I'm sorry, Anna Leah Sarabia. I knew you as De Leon.

(To Anna Leah) Did you ever talk to your children about your sexual orientation?

A: Ani, when she was in college, was the one who raised it. *Sabi niya*, "*Nanay, may mag-i-*interview *sa iyong mga kaklase ko*." "*Sige*. On what?" *Akala ko naman* about media, *ganyan*. "About being a lesbian." *Muntik akong mahulog*! (Laughs) *Ako ang natanga. Bale wala naman pala sa kanila.*

So you never sat them down.

A: How funny. That's so un-Filipino. Even my mom... In '92, when we were going to Hong Kong for a family trip, my mom asked for the passport of everybody. She asked, "Where's the passport of... (my girlfriend at the time)?" I said, "Why? Is she *kasali*?" "Of course! She's part of the family!" I was so surprised and very moved that my mom, my sisters, my family just accepted it and we didn't really talk. In '94, when I was invited to speak in New York, my mom was also there. I said we were going to have a gay and lesbian pride parade with two million people and she said she was going! She brought her friends and they brought banners and rainbow flags...

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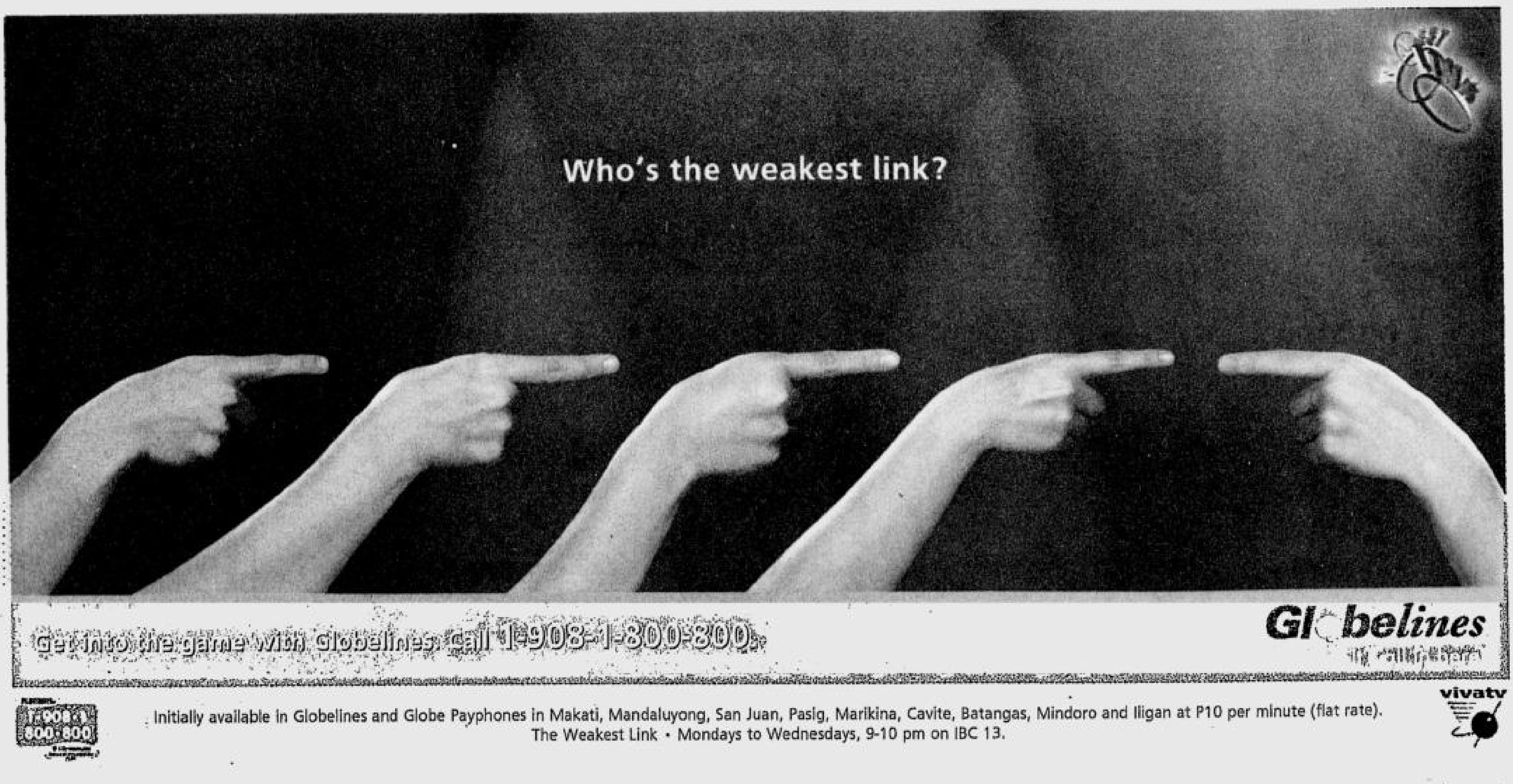

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When did the women's movement become a big issue?

A: Well... *Dati hindi pa pinag-uusapan* until '91. There was still that fear *na*...

M: It had to establish a credibility... It had to be accepted as a big movement.

What was the most pressing issue in the past? What brought it about?

M and A: Martial law.

Oh! It wasn't really just womens' rights then but human rights.

M: We have to put the women's movement here in context; *hindi lang 'yung* man-woman relationship. There's a social context, which is that we are all for a better society. We want to have a total comprehensive transformation. But how do you have total comprehensive transformation if half of society are women and their particular concerns are not being addressed?

A: *Pati sa* underground, where the ideology is, everybody is equal, *pero hindi naman! Taga-luto, taga-gawa ng kape pa rin ang babae!*

M: Tina Carlos, the wife of Jun Carlos, has a card on her bulletin board: "I wanted to change the world but I couldn't find a baby sitter." (Laughter) That's so telling. *Parang sinasabi, "Meron din kaming* political job *pero mas konti ang* time *namin*..." So *sila talaga ang nagpursigi na matanggap ng* movement *na merong* gender perspective.

What are the top women's concerns?

M: Poverty *pa rin!* For me the basic right is to live, and 80 percent of our people do not even have the basic necessities. And with the feminization of poverty, the poorest of the poor are still women... No. 2 is violence against women.

Is violence against women a corollary of poverty or does it (cut across) all sectors?

A: Violence against women is a part of the continuum of discrimination, because you cannot do violence against a person unless you're discriminatory of that person. And in general the structure of our society is patriarchal, so there is discrimination against women because of their gender... But violence against women is just one form of discrimination against women. Of course, it's probably the most extreme. And the reason we have feminization of poverty is because women don't have the same opportunities as men, to have an education, or just to have equal rights at home.

M: *Meron kasing* proprietorship. I'm not saying it's conscious. There was a time when the father had absolute rule, when he was not only the head of the family but he also owned them. Therefore, if you own them, you can do anything to them. Of course, *wala na ngayon 'yun*. But I believe that men have a collective memory of that power, and so they have proprietorship attitude toward women—that they have a right to this woman, to her services, to her sex, to her whatever... They may not be conscious of it but it's in the hard disk of their computers.

A: That's called self-entitlement. *Maliit pa lang sila*, they know that they are entitled to these.

M: In general, we spoil men. *Nakakatuwa nga, kasi 'pag sinabi, "Ini-*spoil *ko itong anak ko," sabi ko*, "Can you make it different and say, '*Binubulok ko itong anak ko.*'" *O, 'di ba iba na ang dating nu'n?* That's what it means to spoil? That's why a lot of men grow up irresponsible, immature and insecure.

A: You know, Sister, I really feel the Church must do something about it. That's your area, the Catholic Church...

M: It's not only in the Christian Church. I'm now doing a research on all Asian religions—Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, *lahat*. Patriarchy is all over institutional religions. It's true everywhere.

A: But the Catholic Church has done a lot of damage... We're not talking about spirituality *kasi* probably the reason a lot of Filipinos were attracted to the Catholic Church was its rituals...

They were not attracted. They had no choice; they had to be Catholics when the Spaniards came.

> **Anna Leah:** Violence against women is just one form of discrimination against women. Of course, it's probably the most extreme

A: You know, the Catholic Church up to now, here the CBCP, still has no pastoral letter against domestic violence, against rape, nothing. In fact the pastoral letters have been almost misogynist in some way, because when [the Church] talks about contraception as evil, it preaches that women when they decide to use contraception are selfish.

M: And God is not a man, excuse me. God is not a man! If you think that God is a man, *ibang-iba na ang* picture. God is a spirit. I think it's been necessary for us to talk anthropomorphically about God because you have to teach it to ordinary people. Fatherhood is just one aspect of the human spirit and you project that to God. But motherhood is another aspect, and a very big aspect. So why can you not also project that to God? *Ang nangyayari, parang* God is only father, God is only man, but that is too wrong. God is neither man nor woman, neither father nor mother, but if you call Him father, then call Her also mother... Logically speaking, if you want to project the human experience, project the whole human experience. *Bakit kalahati lang?* Consider that God is a mother. The Church would be more compassionate.

A: Nurturing...

M: It would be more human. *Hindi* legalistic, *hindi* judgmental...

That's like saying that women are more compassionate than men.

M: The way that women are conditioned, socialized, because they are doing the nurturing and everything, they have more tendency to be compassionate. But men can be compassionate, too, if they were socialized that way. I believe that compassion depends on conditioning.

How do you reconcile what it says in the Bible that wives should be submissive to their husbands?

M: *Laging tinatanong sa akin 'yan. Ganito sa akin 'yan*, the Bible has a main message, and that is liberation and salvation for all—for men and women—because how can God be discriminatory? Actually St. Paul, who said that, lived at a time that was very patriarchal. So there are many things there that we call cultural messages, which are minor messages... *Hindi naman idinikta ng Diyos 'yan, eh*... [Even] the most conservative theologian will not tell you that the Bible was dictated by God... The cultural messages that seeped into some Bible passages have to be pitted against the bigger message, which is liberation and salvation. Therefore, if there's contradiction, you have to take the main salvation as criterion, not the cultural thing...

A: Like what country were they in, what society were they in...

M: For example, St. Paul also believed in slavery at the time. Because when that slave came to him, *sabi niya, "Bumalik ka, pero sasabihin ko sa amo mo* to treat you like a brother." *'Pag ngayon 'yun*, St. Paul would have said, "'*Wag kang bumalik*, because no one has a right to be your master." The same thing if St. Paul would have lived today, I'm absolutely sure he's not going to say all those things about women. I'm absolutely sure.

A: And the Bible has been used to justify so many things. Homophobia! "All the gays and lesbians are abnormal..." In fact, many priests are saying—and even some members of the Vatican—that you can justify torture and violence against gay people because they are not the same as human beings. They don't need to be given the same human rights. What is this?

M: It's taking the Bible literally. But do they take everything in the Bible literally? They don't, it's selective. I tell the people who quote the Bible to me, *'Di ba sabi rin sa* Bible, "If your eye scandalizes you, pluck it out and cast it away"? *Bakit dalawa pa ang mata mo?* "If your hand scandalizes you, cut it out." *Bakit dalawa pa ang kamay mo? Bakit diyan hindi* literal *ang tingin mo? Pero*, that woman should be submissive to her husband, *bakit* literal *'yan?*"

Rina Jimenez-David (R): That's why it's liberating that theologians are now studying the Bible and reinterpreting it according to feminist interpretation.

A: *Pero mae-*excommunicate *sila 'pag masyado silang*... (Laughs)

R: Like Mary Magdalene now is no longer seen as... *Kasi* the way we were taught, she was a prostitute... but some feminist theologians are saying, that was a different woman, and, in fact, Mary Magdalene was... They call her the 11th apostle, but actually she was the first apostle. It was no accident that she was the one who saw the open tomb because the message of salvation was given to her.

M: Very good student of Helen Graham! (Laughter)

R: She was chosen because she was the *primus inter pares* of the apostles. She was given the message that Jesus is the Son of God... And even Muslim women, when they listen to feminist interpreters of the Koran, *makikita mo talagang parang nabubuhay sila*. I was in Pakistan and we listened to an American Muslim theologian, and the Muslim women kept asking about the veil, the cultural roots of covering your face... It turns out they used to sell slave women with open faces, so the rich Muslim women decided to cover their faces to distinguish themselves from the women who were being sold to slavery. So it was all cultural. If you study the Koran, some of my Muslim women friends tell me, it has express admonition *pa na* if a man cannot pleasure his wife, the wife has the right to leave the husband. Marriage is a pleasure for both the man and the woman. *Saan kaya sa* Bible where Jesus talks about pleasure? (Laughter) *Tingin natin sa* Islam it's so repressive of women, but most of these are all culture. That's why they keep emphasizing to go back to the text and you will find that, in fact, it has very liberating messages.

What do you think of reproductive rights?

M: That women have a right to their reproductive rights. (Laughter)

A: Reproductive rights are human rights.

Being a religious, do you believe in the right to abortion?

M: Even if I were not a feminist, I wouldn't believe in the right to abortion. Abortion is not something good. It is an invasion [of] the woman's body.

R: And it is not something we want all women to have.

M: It is a terrible thing. *Ang akin lang du'n, naiintindihan ko* if women resort to that. But you have to look at why. *Ang* understanding *kasi ng mga tao* that the feminists want abortion. Of course not!

R: What does it mean to be pro-abortion? It means your married daughter comes to you and says, "Ma, we will practice family planning. We'll use contraception." *Tapos ang sasabihin mo, "Huwag na, huwag kang mag-*family planning. *Ipalaglag mo na lang nang ipalaglag 'yan* every time you get pregnant." That's what it means to be pro-abortion. That's not what feminists want or any woman would want for another woman.

M: *Sa akin lang, hindi ko sasabihin na, "Hay naku, mapupunta ka sa impiyerno."* I would have compassion. I would think, what could probably have driven her to do that, and what can I do to help her?

A: I believe that abortion should be an option. Maybe I'm more radical than you. (Chuckles)

R: *Sa akin*, if a woman gets pregnant, and then if you ask who has the right to determine the fate of that child living inside her... I mean, any woman who has gotten pregnant will not go into a debate on when a life starts... *Ano pa ba 'yang dala-dala mo? Tuta?* (Chuckles) But who has the right to determine the outcome of the pregnancy? If you do not have the right, nobody else has the right—not the doctor, not the government, not the Church—because your life is tied up with that child's life. The woman has the right to decide.

A: On the other hand, I don't think that women should be forced to be pregnant against their will. Therefore, we should allow all women, especially sexually active women, to have the option to use contraception. And if they do get pregnant despite all preventive measures, they must be given the option to decide.

R: And, first of all, whether to have sex with that man at that moment. If you deny women the right to their bodies, they can be raped any time. Any man can have sex with them. That's why reproductive right is really the right to choose if, when, with and by whom you want to have sex or get pregnant. Fundamentally, that's your body. *'Pag sinabi mong* "by whom," *sasabihin nila*, "Are you advocating infidelity?" No, we're just saying that it is the woman's choice *na kahit asawa na niya 'yung lalake, kung ayaw niya, walang karapatan 'yung lalake*... During the V-Day presscon, I was so struck by what someone said, "Even God had to ask Mary's permission before He could get her pregnant with Jesus." *Diyos na ito!* He had to send an angel to tell Mary, "This is the good news. You have been chosen." She could have said no, but she said yes, given that she was single. Even God had to ask this woman's permission. So who are these ordinary men who think they can just rape women, and that it is their natural right as men, that if you walk around in a pair of shorts, they can rape you?...

And it only happens to women. Women don't do that to men. They're never that violent to men. A group of women will not gang up on a man and rape him.

A: If he wore shorts? (Laughter)

Even in war, women will not do that to a man.

M: During war, it's a custom that the men rape the women of the defeated nation to show the ignominy of that defeated nation. Whoever wins or loses in the war, the women lose.

R: Women are booty, naturally.

A: Another thing with reproductive right, it doesn't cover only pregnancy and non-pregnancy. Like sex, whether you should have pleasure or not, and who you are going to have sex with. And when you talk about reproductive right in an expanded version, you give the right to the

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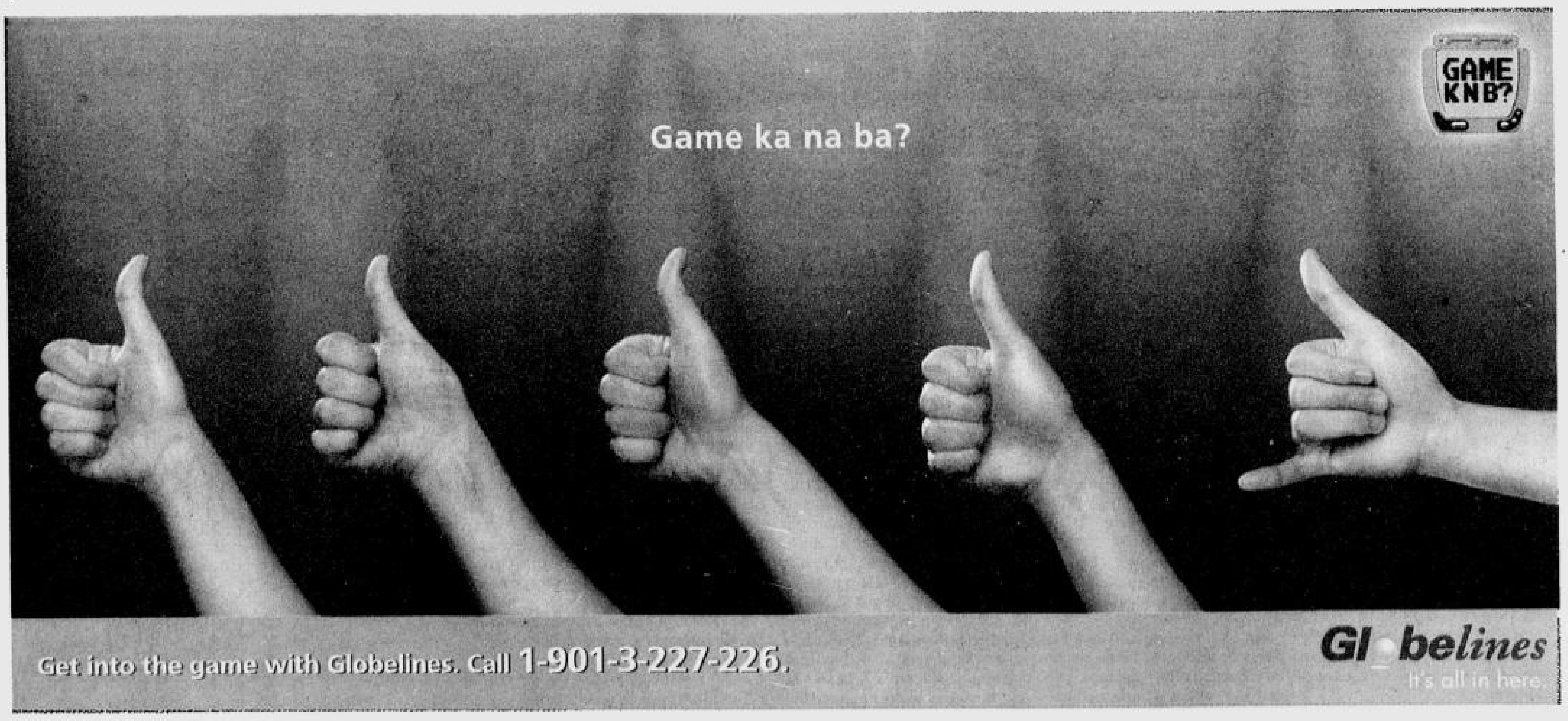

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woman who she falls in love with, whatever sex, whatever gender. That's probably why it has become frightening to fundamentalists, because you give the woman the right to choose.

R: And the man, too.

A: Yeah. What kind of partner she's going to have, what kind of sex they're going to have, whether they want to produce a child or not.

R: How often. How rare. (Laughter)

M: And celibacy is also an option.

R and A: Yeah!

How do you explain the idea of feminism to a common *tao*?

M: *Ako dalawang tanong lang.* No. 1, *nakikita mo ba na talagang may pagkaapi ang babae? Kung hindi ka naman bulag, siguro makikita mo.* No. 2, *handa ka ba na gawin ang makakaya mo para palitan ito?* If you say yes to No. 1 and No. 2, you are a feminist.

A: In other words, a feminist is somebody who recognizes the injustice and inequality between the genders—and must do something about it.

M: It's really as simple as that so I cannot imagine why women are saying, "*Hindi ako* feminist, but I do this, I do that..."

R: "I believe in equal pay for equal work but I'm not a feminist."

A: We are all feminists here. Feminism is a fact that we should be really proud of.

M: *Kapag nakikita mo na may kaapihan ang babae tapos hindi mo gustong palitan*, you might as well resign from the woman race. (Laughter)

R: I was on a TV show once and there was this young model in the panel. We were all asked, "Do you think you are a feminist?" *Siya naman*, "No, I still want *naman* to be a woman." (Laughter) *Sabi ko, ano ako, lalake?* (Laughter) When we began campaigning for Abanse! Pinay, my feminist friends here in Manila were saying, "*Naku,* Rina, *huwag niyo nang ibenta ang* Abanse! Pinay as a woman's party because women's issues *hindi bebenta* outside of Manila. *Sa mga* rural areas *hindi 'yan naiintindihan ng mga babae.*" But we went ahead. When we would talk in the barrios, *du'n ko* feel *talaga na* gets *na* gets *nila 'yung* issue. Every time we ask, "*Ilan sa inyo ang binubugbog dito? Pangako namin magpapasa kami ng batas na susugpuin 'yung pambubugbog sa loob ng tahanan.*" We could see their faces light up. We talked about economic opportunities, education for their children, they lived these issues. *Dito nga sa* Metro Manila *may pagka*-theoretical *pa*.

I think the perception of conservatives, whether they're men or women, when you say feminist, is that you're out to emasculate the men.

A: (Emphatic) What is the problem with emasculation? I cannot understand! (Laughter) What is the meaning of emasculation? Please tell me because how can we, just because we're asserting our rights, how can we emasculate them? Does that mean that when women become empowered...

R: ...men will become weaker.

A: *Ibig sabihin* their power depends on the oppression of women? Then there has to be change!

M: I just want to go back to male-bashing. It is not that men are the enemies, it is patriarchy.

What's the difference?

M: Men are the individuals, patriarchy is a way of thinking that there is a naturally dominant gender. That can be internalized even by a woman.

R: And a man can be a feminist also.

M: Yes. So patriarchal values and structure, *'yun ang nilalabanan namin.*

A: Patriarchy is so pervasive that it is not just oppressive of gender but is also oppressive of the environment, of class... particular class of men feeling superior over everybody else. It justifies slavery, apartheid...

M: But you see, men have it better still in this system because they have privileges that they don't deserve.

Can you give an example of a woman who is patriarchal?

R: There was this woman who wrote to me about "The Vagina Monologues." *Sabi niya*, "I have so many grandchildren and I want them to grow up believing that sex is sacred and a gift from God, and it should not be seen as something funny..." She doesn't *naman* make the Sign of the Cross before she makes love, *ano ba 'yan!* (Laughs) How can she think of it as a gift from God and yet think of it also as dirty and shameful?

Sister Mary John: Don't ask me why I entered [the convent]. Ask me why I've stayed

M: That is exactly what it is saying, that there is no part of the human body that you should be ashamed of that you cannot even name it.

R: Other women when they hear stories about battered women, "*Gaga pala siya, eh. Bakit tinatanggap niya 'yun? Ako minsan lang akong masampal, iiwanan ko na. Bakit siya nandiyan? Napakatanga!*" *'Pag umalis ng bahay, iniwanan 'yung pamilya,* "*Napakasama naman niyang nanay! Inabandona ang mga anak! Nakakahiya!* Broken family!" *'Pag bumalik naman siya sa asawa niya,* "*Gaga! Nakaalis na nga siya, bumalik pa!*" (Laughter)

A: Look at how many women have tried to separate from their husbands. They try to leave and then people say, "*Ano bang klaseng nanay 'yan? Iniwan ang mga anak...*"

R: Look at Alma Moreno.

A: (Laughter) It's always her fault. Teresa Carlson...

M: She tried very hard!

This patriarchy, how can this be destroyed when even the Church...?

A: I'm sorry to say, *ha*, the Church is really the *promotor*! (Laughs)

R: Not only the Catholic Church. Many religions.

A: The so-called major religions are the campaigners for patriarchy! (Laughs)

M: That is the reason we have the Institute for Women's Studies. That is why I made Women's Studies a must. It is an obligatory subject in St. Scho. It's compulsory. You cannot graduate without it. *Kasi iniisip ko, itong mga kababaihan namin*, 500 of them are going to graduate every year, *'pag napalitan mo na ang kanilang pananaw...* When you say it is ideological, *'pag nagkaroon sila ng kamulatan*, in five or 10 years they will be the mothers, they will change the way they nurture boys and girls. Then the next generation will be better...

R: That's what I always say when we give talks, when people say, "But you're seeking to change attitudes and that takes education, that will take many years, you will not see it in our lifetime..." We can! There is a sphere in which we have immediate influence and that's in the way we raise our kids. "If only each of you begin to change the way you raise your sons and daughters, that's how you change the world. That's how you change society."

A: And also media. You have Rina's column. That's why I also do radio and television and other things. Look at "The Vagina Monologues." You change a lot of these people through education but also through art, culture, because you change the symbols. You change the images. You show a woman who can be president. Before Cory Aquino became president, how many girls could say " I want to be president when I grow up," and not be laughed at?

R: Most important, she brought [down] the psychological barriers... *Puwede pala ang babaeng maging* president. But I also have to say men have to get involved. We're not going to say, "*Laban lamang namin ito,*" because if we say men are part of the problem, especially in violence against women, they should be part of the solution.

M: That's why we're having gender issues for men.

R: In the gender workshop for men, the men were saying they could never talk with their men friends about personal issues unless they were drunk. So *inggit na inggit daw sila na puwedeng mag-usap at mag*-sharing... *Sila* on the surface *lang at lumalabas lang 'yung mga personal na problema 'pag lasing na sila. 'Yung* emotional outlet that women have is not really open to them.

M: That's why the women's movement, when they say they're fighting stereotypes, *ang magiging* beneficiary *niyan* men and women. Because if you take away stereotypes, you also take away stereotypes *na* you are the bread earner *kahit na hindi mo kaya*... you always have to be strong even if you're not strong, *hindi ka makaiyak*... All those things will be taken away from the men. Isn't that liberation for men, too?

R: When I was newly married and we were living in Mandaluyong and we had this big party to go to, my husband had to iron his *barong*. I saw him ironing inside our bedroom. "*Pag sa labas ako makita pa ako ng kapitbahay.*" (Laughs) We had a big laugh about it. *Naisip ko*, for this guy doing a chore like ironing, *kahiya-hiya dahil lalake siya at dahil hindi ko siya ipagpaplantsa*... When the relatives of my husband—*kasi* my husband doesn't drink, he doesn't smoke—*sasabihin nila*, "*Ay, si* Pie *talaga, ang bait-bait. Walang kabisyo-bisyo.*" I was newly married *noon*, I would feel the need to defend his manhood! "*Hindi, umiinom naman kung minsan ng* beer." (Laughter) *Ayoko namang isipin nila* what a wimp this man I married.

Or "under" [the *saya*]!

R: Yes! Young women, teenagers, if you ask them, "*Anong* type *mong lalake?*" "*Gusto ko 'yung lalakeng kaya ako, mako*-control *ako.*" *'Di ba* that's the romantic ideal, this guy who will make all the decisions for you...

A: This is extremely dangerous, because when women say that they want a guy to control them, that's the beginning of violence. It is the capacity of a man to control not just... but how she thinks, how she looks, whether she cuts her hair, whether she wears sleeveless, whom she talks to...

R: I was at this women's school in Caloocan *kahapon*. They were telling me, "Rina, *magbigay pa kayo ng* talks *sa mga* high school *namin*." *Kasi* they hear so many stories of high school girls being beaten up by their boyfriends! High school *pa lang 'yan!*

A: And this promoting a man who is powerful and the woman submissive, it is so idealized in our advertising, in the media...

R: Our romantic novels... (Chuckles)

A: In our movies... And all these need to be changed. One of the fastest ways to change attitudes is to get the media to use the right attitudes, the right images and the correct scripts.

R: *Kaya nga gustong-gusto ko na si* Amor Powers *kasi lumalaban na siya.* (Laughs) *Sa* soap opera!

But even in marriage vows, *merong*...

M: *Ako papalitan ko 'yun.* I tell the people, you can do your own script. *Dapat hindi*, "Man, love your wife. Wife, obey you husband." *Mali 'yun kasi* your love can come from above and below *pero* obey can only come from below. *Ang sinasabi ko sa kanila, sabihin ninyo sa* wedding *ninyo*, "Man and wife, love and obey each other." *Ganun! Hindi 'yung* obedience *lang sa babae.*

'I don't believe that I'm not a developed woman just because I did not have a husband . . . *Kita ninyo naman*!' (Laughter)

Or love and respect, *di ba*?

M: *Puwede na rin.*

How are you raising your children?

R: Not consciously feminist: I'm hoping that I'm teaching them by example. If you tell them by words, turn off. (Chuckles) I think I'm confident that they've learned by example. There was one time when my son, Pie-pie, was still a teenager, they were talking *silang magpipinsan*. I overheard him say, "*Bakit, may* right *naman ang babae kung gusto niyang mabuntis o hindi?*" *Nagulat ako. Aba, binabasa pala ang* column *ko!* (Laughter)

A: I really think by example, *kasi*... My children are in their 20s. My two daughters... one is a writer and the other is an artist but both are champion triathletes. My son is a musician. The girls are the ones who are like that and the boy is the one who is more artistic. There shouldn't be stereotyping...

M: I was once on a Cathay Pacific flight, *sabi nu'ng* stewardess *sa akin*, "Do you remember me, Sister? I was one of the first graduates of your Women's Studies and no pilot can make hanky-panky with me."

A: *Ang galing!*

M: *'Yung isa pa, siya naman 'yung* magna cum laude *so sa kanyang* valedictory address. "Ten years from now maybe I'll be a wife and a mother." *Nakita niya ako*, "Sr. Mary John, I promise you I'm not going to be a battered wife." *Pinalakpakan ko siyang ganu'n. Nai*-internalize *din naman pala nila. Kaya 'pag nagtatanong kami sa mga* graduates *namin*, "What subjects helped you in your life?" *'Yung* Women's Studies is one of the five that influenced them not only in their careers but as human beings. Their perspectives changed.

A: *Totoo nga*, Sister, *kailangan ng* role models. *Kasi ang laging nakikita lang sa* media *mga sex* objects, weak... It's not so encouraging. How can girls grow up to think that they can assert their rights, they can be who they want to be, be what they want to be, be the best that they can be...?

R: My daughter hates Britney Spears... (Laughs)

A: You can be Britney Spears, you can be Madonna, you can be Elton John... (Chuckles)

Have you given talks to all-male organizations?

R: I gave a talk before *sa* Air Force.

A: *Sa* policemen...

M: I gave a talk to 130 priests in Pampanga.

What was the reaction?

M: When I talked about sexual harassment in the Church, you could have heard a pin drop! (Laughter) "*Alam niyo, kung hindi naman kayo pari hindi naman kayo titingnan. Meron kasi kayong* mystic *kaya nagkaka*-crush *sa inyo ang mga babae.*" (Laughter) Can you try to be mature and not fulfill your needs and take advantage of that? *'Andun pa nu'n 'yung obispo.* I remember I said, "*At ano ba ang ipina*-punish *natin kapag may* sexual harassment? *Tina*-transfer *lang* ['*yung pari*] to a literally virgin territory." Or they send them to Rome to study.

R: The *madres* are also complaining because the children of the priests in their relationships are left to the *madres* to raise.

M: Can you imagine the status of the woman, *asawa ng pari, 'yung mga anak niya*...? What kind of childhood will these children have?

R: There was this TV show where this woman was saying she was molested by her parish priest. She went to another priest to confess. The priest said, "Don't worry, God has forgiven you." *Sabi daw niya*, "Why should I need God's forgiveness when I was the one victimized?" That's the attitude of the Church on this.

A: Sense of entitlement. *Akala nila kanila lahat.*

R: What happens when you get older as a feminist, you become less and less judgmental as time goes by. If you go into feminism early in your life, you tend to be so rigid with your classification, *bago 'yung galit... Pero* as you mellow, and then you get more life experiences...

A: *Bakit ako hindi nagme*-mellow? (Laughter)

R: *Ganyan ka talaga, eh.* High school *pa tayo ganyan ka na.* (Laughs) You begin to see also that people are trying, like the editors of women's magazines. Within the boundaries of the format, they're really trying to put things there, they're beginning to challenge and take risks in terms of appealing to advertisers. Like me, as I got older, I got less and less... I never thought I'd color my hair, for instance. (Laughs) I thought feminist *ako* so I shouldn't do that! But I looked in the mirror and then, "*Sino itong matandang ito?*" *Nagpakulay na ako ng buhok!* (Laughter)

What's your husband's attitude toward your being a feminist?

R: We never really sat down and talked about it. I knew he was the right person *kasi nu'ng mag*-boyfriend *pa kami*, he said, "I think you should continue to work after we're married. I'd like you to be like Ma'am," *si* Mrs. (Lourdes Syquia) Bautista, my teacher in college... It was really choosing the right person. I've been a feminist but I've never had to ask his permission about it. It's just what I am.

How do you quarrel?

R: *Mabait kasi ang asawa ko, eh.* Rarely. Talk and discussion. And we don't hide it from the kids. If we have differences of opinion, I do it in front of them, and I want to show them *na* you can have a difference of opinion with your husband and not end up being battered.

A: I think what's important in any relationship, whether straight or gay, is communication.

Are you in a relationship right now?

A: (Laughs) You want to know the whole story? Yeah! It's really important for both people to talk to each other *kasi 'pag* relationship *hindi katulad 'yan ng trabaho na may mga* rules, *may mga* deadlines...

R: And being a feminist is no excuse to treat your husband horribly either...

A: Being feminist is having mutual respect for each other. It's really so important. Like when you're two women, you sort of take for granted or you assume that you understand each other.

When you're two women and one happens to have children, how is that?

M: *Ah, 'yung* butch and femme.

A: I don't understand this thing *na* children, *lalo na 'pag* boys, should grow up with a father image. I don't believe this. There are so many fathers who have bad image—they're rapists... *Ang importante* they grow up in a house that is loving and caring and people treat each other like human beings, with respect... And really this role-playing and all of that, *depende na sa kanila.*

R: So many children grow up with only one parent.

M: And they also have uncles... It's not like they're living in a world where there are only women... *'Yung isang* feminist *na nag*-participate *sa aming* intercultural course, *sabi niya*, "*'Yung mga hindi* feminists, they tend to copy or mimic the traditional couple." *Sila daw hindi* because they are

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both feminists, they're consciously trying to make a new relationship where there is no butch nor femme. It's that just they're both women and they love each other...

R: *'Yan 'yung* concept *na* one has to dominate the other.

A: Here again is the patriarchal image. Lesbians and feminists in general are trying to equalize the relationships. Sometimes they like to wear costumes. A lot of friends of mine *na hindi naman sila* butch and femme, *pero* feel *nila* today, "Okay, *ako naman ang mag*-butch..." *Parang ganyan...*

M: *Parang kapag may magandang babae diyan. "Sayang, ang ganda-ganda niya,* lesbian *pala!*" (Laughs)

R: (To Anna Leah) *Anong* feeling *mo diyan?*

A: *Ay, mabuti na lang* lesbian! (Laughter) I have this friend who's a director, she writes well, she can fix the *kuryente... Sabi ko,* "You're almost perfect but you're straight!" (Laughter)

M: The same thing with *madre*. "*May mukha ka naman, bakit ka nag-madre? Sayang ka.*"

A: *Oo! Bakit sayang?* (Laughs)

M: *Kasi nga* in order to be a real woman, you have to be enjoyed by a man.

R: *Si* Karina David always tells this story. For years her kids would always come home *na mababa ang* grade *sa* Social Studies. "*Bakit ba?*" *Sa kanila si* Randy, Pampango, *mahilig magluto. Si* Karina *mahilig magmekaniko sa kotse. Sa* Social Studies test, "What does you father do?" "The father cooks." "What does your mother do?" "The mother fixes the car." Wrong *parati!* (Laughter)

A: You see, gender is a social construct. *Imbento 'yan ng mga tao. Kaya kailangan inimbento mo 'yan, kailangan lahat ng tao susunod diyan. Kung hindi kayo sumunod wala kayong kuwentang tao.* You should be tortured, you should be jailed. They were just invented by human beings! What's good about feminism is that it liberates in the true sense of the word. It allows people, not just women, to be what they want to be, the best of what they want to be, and explore.

R: And in a relationship it should be up to the couple to negotiate the terms. It shouldn't be society dictating... I grew up with a mother who's a very domineering woman and my father was the most gentle of men with a terrific sense of humor. It was my mother who made the decisions. If I asked permission to go out, the last word was my mother's. In school, our teachers would say, "The Christian family is one with the head of the family, the father, who makes the decisions..." I grew up thinking I was in an abnormal family. I grew up wishing my mother was less aggressive... (Chuckles) I remember *'pag nakikiaway siya sa mga* salesgirls, *talagang ikinahihiya ko siya!* (Laughs) I wished she wasn't such a strong person... I realized *na lang* when I had children of my own, *nang-aaway na rin ako ng mga* waitress, and then I would see my children's faces... (Laughs) *Naku,* this was how I felt about my own mother!

You've become your mother.

R: Yeah! (Laughs) It was only then that I realized what a gift she gave her daughters. I remember when I was growing up and she was talking to an aunt—*kasi* one friend of theirs *daw* every morning *inilalatag niya 'yung damit nung asawa niya,* what he would wear for that day—my mother was laughing. "Thirty years *na akong may asawa,* never once *kong ginawa 'yan* and I will never do it!"

M: That's what I'm saying *na* privileges of men that they don't deserve. *Sabi ko sa nakausap kong lalake, "Ikaw ba 'pag naliligo ang asawa mo, nandiyan na 'yung* bra, *'yung* panty...?" (Laughter) It sounds absurd, *'di ba?* But it's not absurd when a woman does it. *Sabi sa amin sa* Davao, "*Wala naman kaming* objections *na bigyan ninyo ng* seminar *ang aming mga asawa. Ang iniisip lang namin baka 'yung mga bigyan niyo ng* seminar *hindi na kami pagsilbihan ng kape.*" (Laughter) *Ganu'n? Sabi ko,* "I don't necessarily object *na bigyan kayo ng kape kung kayo din nagbibigay sa kanila ng kape.*"

You were 19 when you entered the convent. Did you have a boyfriend before that?

M: No. But I've had meaningful relationships with men even as a sister. *Siguro* my relationships with my men friends are even deeper than some husbands and wives. *Ibang* level *lang... Para kasing* celibacy is a vow not to love. My God, how terrible *naman* not to love! *Sa akin* it's saying that I'm not going to have a family because I'm going to serve other people. But I have loved women and men really deeply, shared with them really deeply...

R: *Kasi* it's also free of the baggage of sex.

M: I also don't believe that I'm not a developed woman just because I did not have a husband... *Kita ninyo naman!* (Laughter)

R: It's like the idea of you're put on a shelf until a man picks you. And then you don't begin to live until a man chooses you. *Parang* "Sleeping Beauty."

M: *Sabi ko nga sa* Women's Studies, *ang ating* conditioning as women is *kahit na ano pang magawa mo sa buhay, maging presidente ka man, hindi ka* successful if you didn't meet your prince charming. Because when your prince charming kisses you, you will live happily ever after. *Kaya tuloy ang mga babae* that's all they dream about.

What was the worst gender-related oppression you experienced?

M: *Ako kasi walang asawang mambubugbog sa akin.* My father was good enough not to make me incest. (Chuckles) *Naging* hero *tuloy 'yung* father *ko kasi* he's an ordinary decent human being because the others are... When I was studying in Rome, I would take the bus, *talagang* they sexually harass you there. *Ibibigay sa iyo 'yung upuan nila tapos dadaganan kang ganyan. Kahit na naka-madre ka. Naka-habito ako! Minsan nagdadala ako ng* pin, *tinutusok ko!* (Laughter)

> **Rina:** I was on a TV show once and there was this young model in the panel. We were all asked, 'Do you think you are a feminist?' *Siya naman*, 'No, I still want *naman* to be a woman.' (Laughter) *Sabi ko, ano ako, lalake?* (Laughter)

R: The only instance I remember I was in high school and *naka*-miniskirt *pa kami noon. Aktibista na ako noon* so I left the school because I was going to our headquarters. I was on a bus and there was this guy who sat beside me. I like to sit beside the window. I felt his hand coming under my thigh. From Maryknoll in Katipunan to UST in España, I couldn't do anything. *Nung bumaba ako,* he leaned out of the window *at ginanu'n pa niya 'yung* tongue *niya sa akin.* I remember I told a male friend about this. "*Saan ka ba nakaupo?*" "*Sa tabi ng bintana.*" "*Kasalanan mo pala, eh, uupo-upo ka sa tabi ng bintana. Huwag kang uupo sa may bintana.*" When we were talking about sexual harassment I remembered this and I remembered the time when women could not do anything.

M: *Ang nangyari noon, apat kasi kaming madre. Kinuwento namin sa* mother general in detail *'yung nangyayari.* The next day we got a car. (Laughter)

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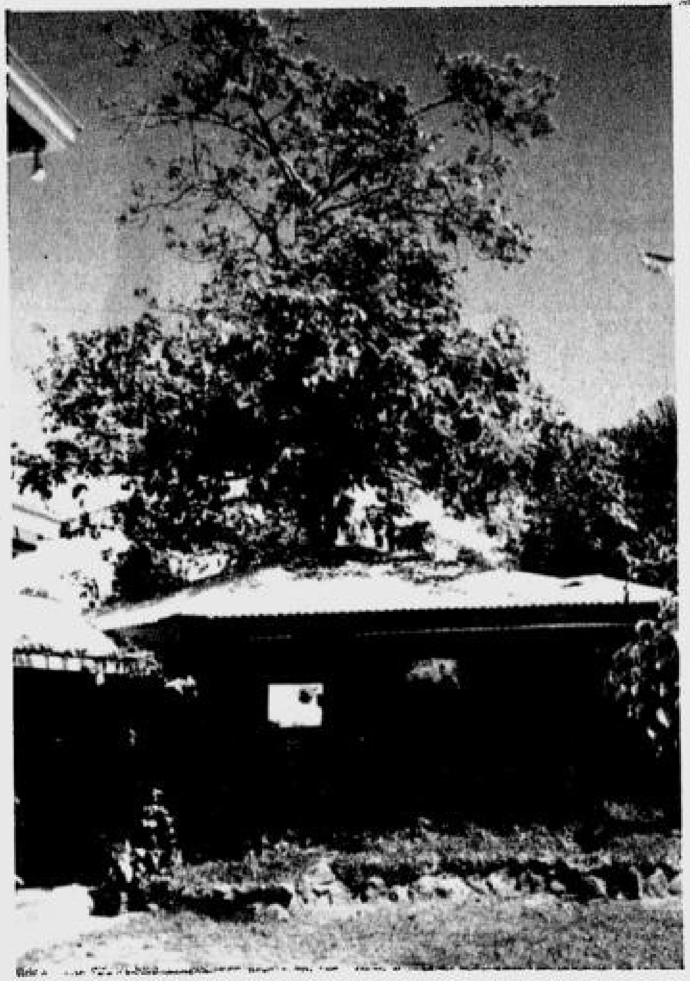

BAMBOO dining room built around a tree

A THOUSAND lotus plants at the reflection pond

Where women commune with Mother Nature

By Cathy Babao Guballa
Photos by Mike Alquinto

The Wholeness Farm is a shining example of an alternative lifestyle that is both environment friendly and sustainable

THE TOWN of Mendez is a 15-minute drive from Tagaytay City through an artery road. At the end of this road, away from the din of the town is a haven where women can nurture their spirits and savor the joys and pleasures that nature has to offer.

The Nursia Women and Ecology Wholeness Farm is a 1.2-ha fruit and coffee orchard that had been left idle for 20 years until the St. Scholastica's Institute of Women's Studies (IWS) rehabilitated and developed the property in 1997. The farm now serves as the venue for the Institute's Women and Ecology wholeness seminars. It is also a shining example of an alternative lifestyle that is both environment friendly and sustainable.

Sr. Mary John Mananzan, president of St. Scholastica's College and staunch feminist, says that women have a special stake in preserving the environment because patriarchy treats women and nature mainly as resources and does not recognize the intrinsic value in both.

Peaceful coexistence

At the Women and Ecology Wholeness Farm, women and nature are one and in peaceful coexistence with one another. Respect and biodiversity are buzz words in this ecological haven.

Starting out with a solitary farmer's house, the Ecofarm continues to evolve. The first retreat house was funded through a grant that fell on Sister Mary John's lap. The second house was built through funding from various donors—through Jeanne Goulbourn she met Paul Ong of Boysen paints who generously provided the paints used for the house while another donor gave the Machuca tiles that line the pathway surrounding the houses. The solar power-generating machine that provides energy to the farmer's house was given by Robert Lopez Puckett.

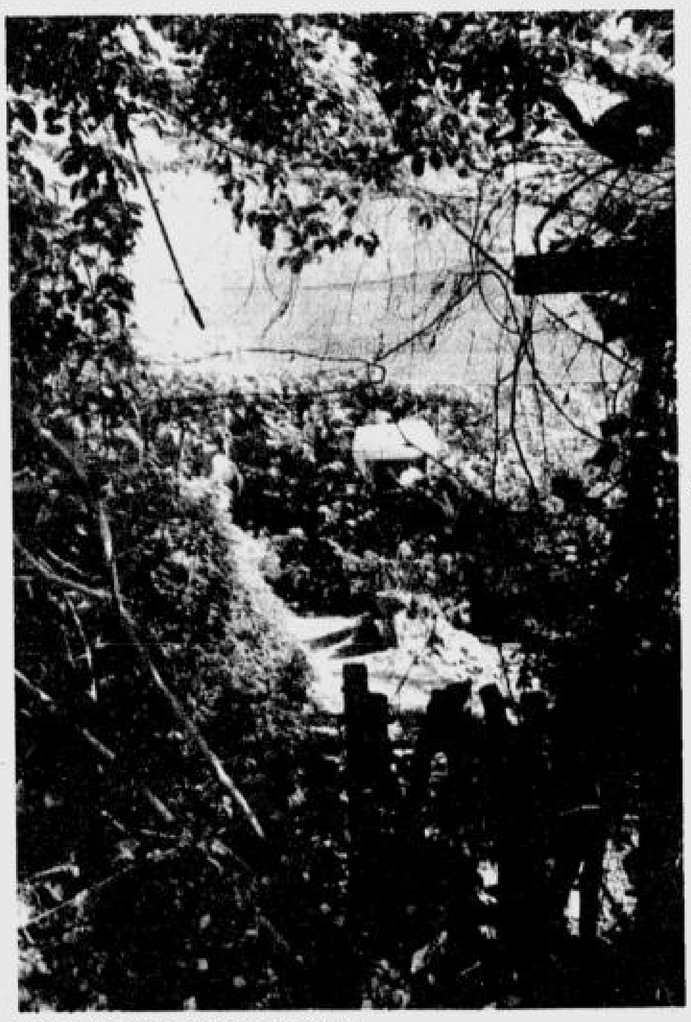
Nick, the farm's main landscape architect, uprooted his entire family from Sorsogon to live here. He develops and cares for the farm and other St. Scholastica houses all over the country as well. Manang Nieves, the farm's cook famous for her home-cooking, now has a small recipe book of her very delicious dishes published by the Institute.

Surprises

On a weekday morning all is peaceful and serene at the farm. The visitor is treated to a few surprises as he (yes, men are welcome, too) or she explores its many nooks and crannies. Upon entering the farm through black iron gates that were recycled from St. Scholastica's old gates, you are greeted by a nipa hut in the middle of a fishpond with two fountains on each side. Sitting inside the hut is ideal for unwinding and de-cluttering your mind. Right across it is the main seminar house. In the main dining room on the ground floor, you will hear the tinkling of windchimes and the gentle ripple of water from small tabletop fountains as you partake of Manang's delicious meals. The residence area that can accommodate 40 persons on 20 doubledeck beds is on the second floor. There are bathrooms where one can freshen up, but no commercial soaps here, folks—only biodegradable soaps and shampoos. The house seems to be all windows, with just some narrow frames to hold them so that wherever you are, you get to enjoy the cooling breeze.

A small staircase takes you to a prayer loft where you can meditate and offer all your woes in communion with God and nature.

Behind the main building is a second structure, the Asian-inspired St. Hildegarde House (named after a nun in the 11th century who was already ecologically aware), which has 10 private rooms that can host two people at a time. "The doors we use here are our old classroom doors at St. Scholastica," Sister Mary John explains. The interiors of the house are Japanese inspired. Sister Mary John admires the simple lines of the Japanese style. A Zen room lined with tatami mats—"another donation from a yoga classmate"—has a large circular picture window that is just perfect for reflection. The third floor has tatami-lined prayer rooms that offer great views and are ideal for serious soul searching.


ENCHANTED butterfly sanctuary

Getting connected

All around the farm are what could perhaps be called sacred and serene spaces where one can connect with the very core of one's soul. Quiet places and serene spots abound at the Wholeness Farm. With a gentle waterfall, the sound of a brook, and a gentle breeze, the spots are guaranteed to calm and soothe tired, harassed spirits. In one quiet corner is a lotus pond with a thousand lotus plants and a small tree house in the middle where a person can practically lose himself or herself in reverie and deep thought. Out here a person can be one with nature, as he/she enjoys the serenity of the place. A personal favorite is the butterfly sanctuary where one can just sit for hours on end on bamboo benches and marvel at the gentle, winged creatures that flit about. One may even land gently on the shoulder of a visitor who is standing quietly.

GENTLE butterflies

A WINDMILL on the farm

Other delights to be found are the mushroom farm of St. Scholastica's elementary and high school students; an herb garden where oregano, *kutsay*, *tsaang gubat* and rows and rows of coriander are grown; a potting garden where bonsai and hanging plants are cultivated; an enchanting gazebo for reflection; a Mandala garden where the graduates of the Women and Ecology course hold their graduation ceremonies; a huge tree shaped like a mushroom that residents call the Dita Power Tree. One can also find very healthy geese, rabbits and chickens here. A quiet corner may reveal a mother hen tending her days old chicks half hidden by a bush or a dog nursing her puppies under the shade of a tree.

Sister Mary John's next dream is to build a hermitage on the property—a solitary small house where lay people can go to and be alone with their thoughts. Right now, the hermitage is a miracle waiting to happen. But in this place where the mind, heart and nature are in complete synchronicity, anything seems possible.

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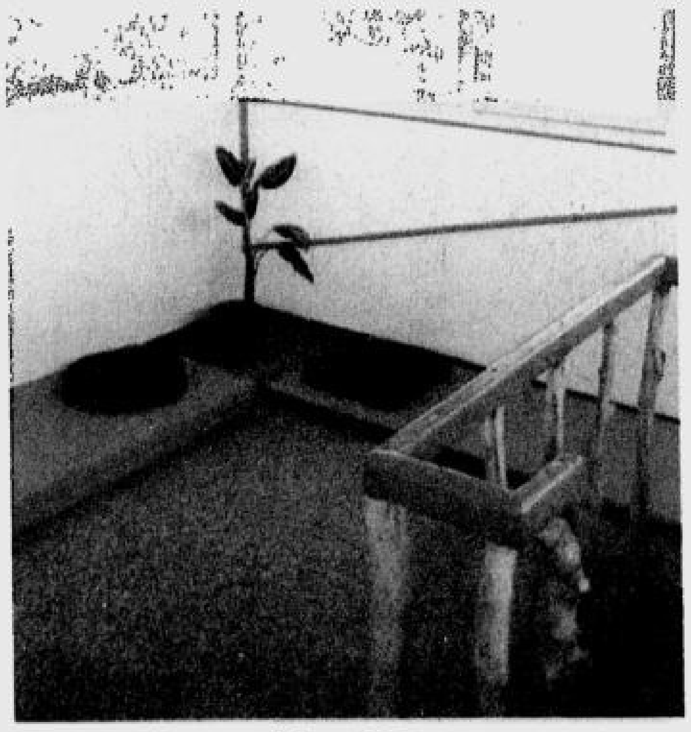
HARVESTING mushrooms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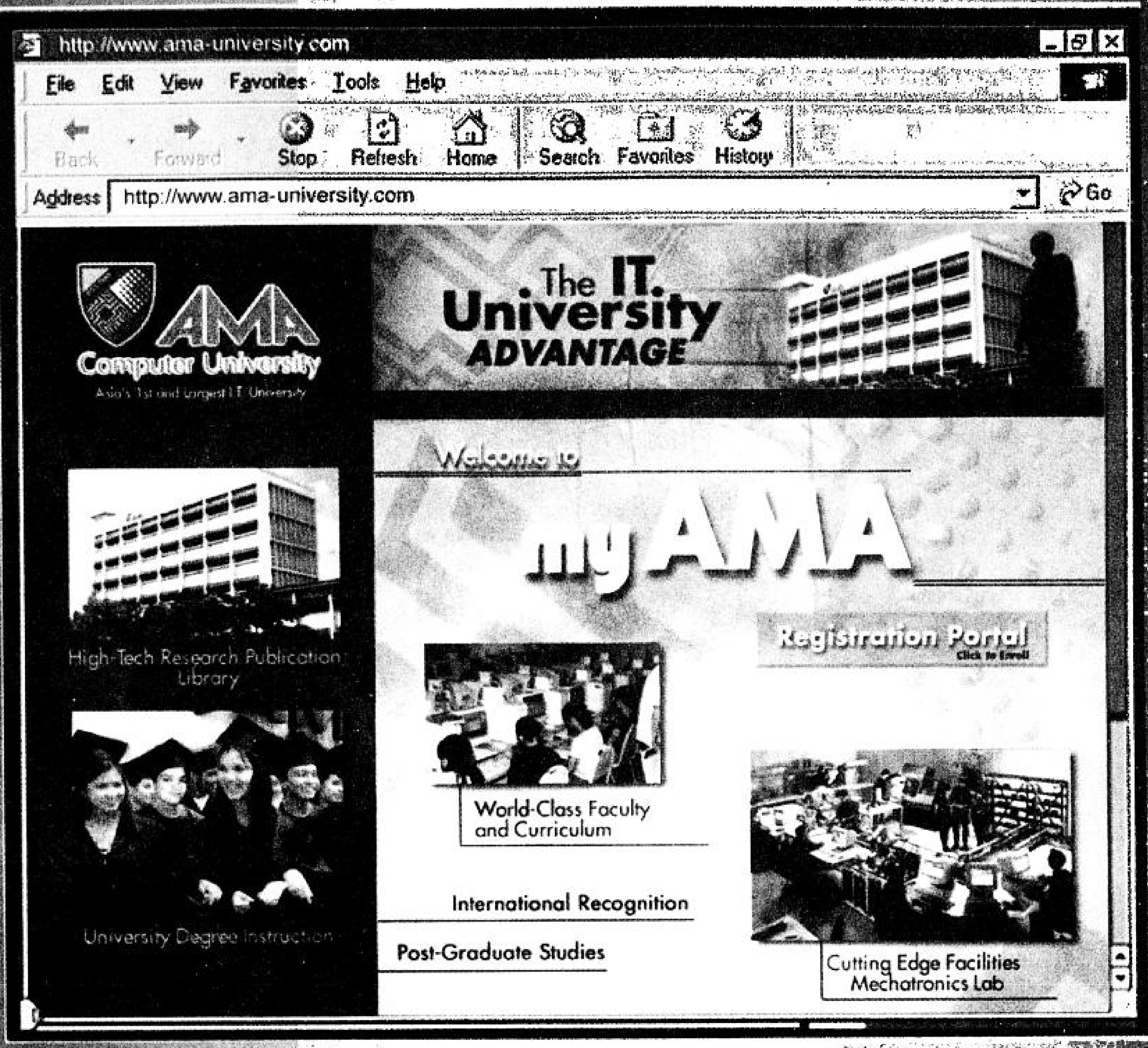
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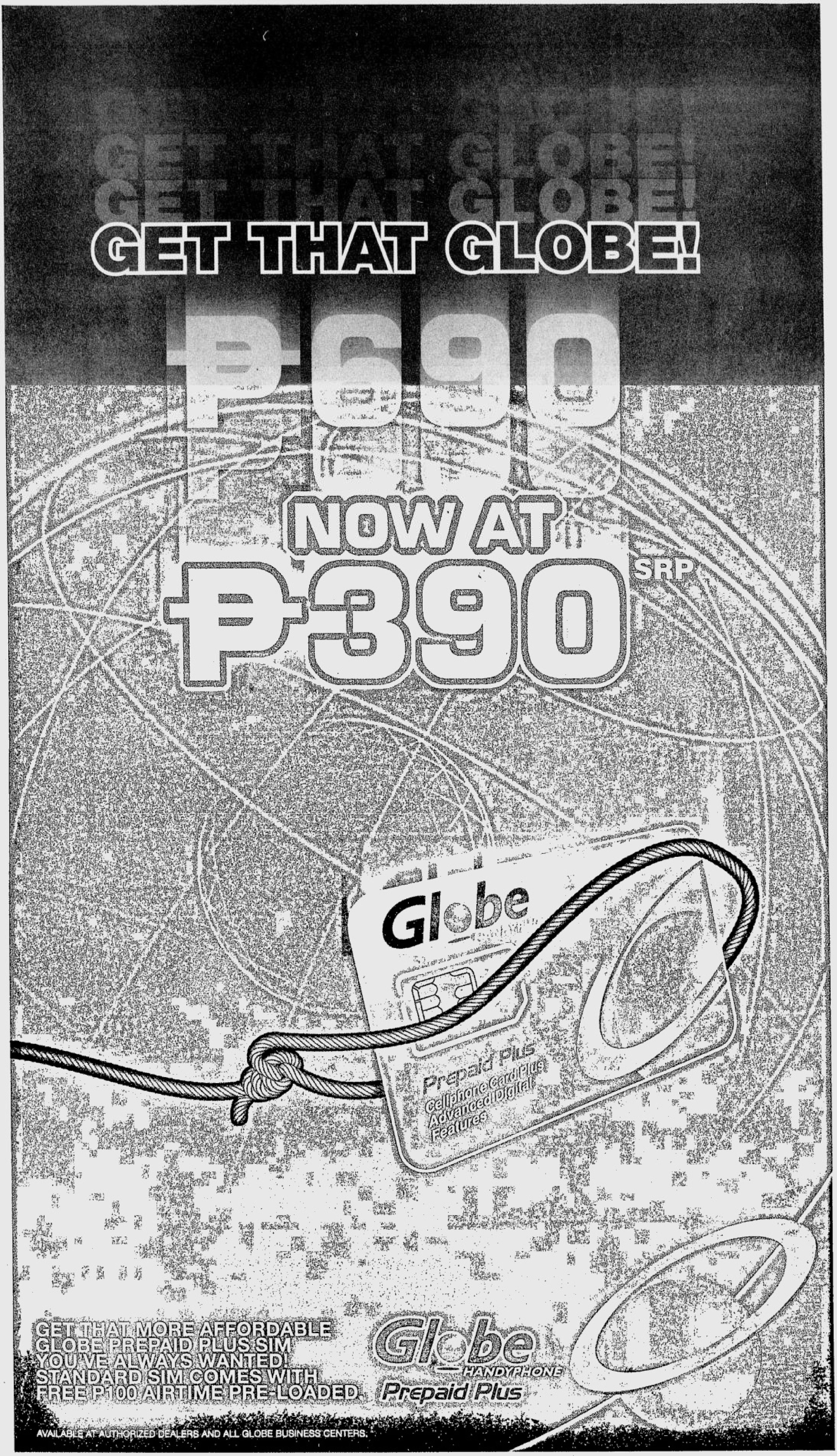

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Sunday **LIFESTYLE**

TAG Heuer honorary chair Jack William Heuer

Father Time

By Chelo Banal-Formoso

HOW many TAG Heuer watches does Jack William Heuer own?

"Not that many," replies the 70-year-old honorary chair of TAG Heuer, makers of the Swiss watches of the same name. He has a gold model of the Carrera, a gold model of the Exclusive 6000, a 6000 bicolor, and the one he is currently wearing (the new Formula One yet to be launched middle of this month). As for other brands of watches, he confesses, "I own a Patek, which I didn't buy but inherited, and I have a Swatch for when I travel."

Earlier in the day Heuer has helped relaunch the company's classic watches before the Hong Kong entertainment media, which swooped down with tape recorders and cameras on two rather gorgeous-looking guys. Fortunately, such tools of the trade do not rattle Alex Fong and Louis Koo,

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Pope John Paul II to canonize Blessed Escriva, Padre Pio and Juan Diego

PURELY PERSONAL

Josephine Darang

DEVOTEES of three well-known holy men have been rejoicing since the Holy Father announced on Feb. 26 that the three would be canonized. Leading the list is Blessed Padre Pio on June 16 in Rome, Juan Diego on July 30 in Mexico and Blessed Escriva on Oct. 6 in Rome.

Knowing Blessed Escriva's difficulties in putting up Opus Dei on Oct. 2, 1928 in Madrid and that it took him 18 years before he could get the approval of the Vatican, his canonization is an affirmation of Heaven's recognition of his work.

It was only on July 16, 1946 that Escriva was able to meet Pope Pius XII in a private audience. The Pope approved Opus Dei in principle and, finally, he promulgated the Apostolic Constitution "Provida Mater Ecclesis" on Feb. 2, 1947. And on Feb. 24, 1947, Opus Dei was granted "Decretium Landi (Decree of Praise)" making it the first papal approval. It became definitive on June 16, 1950.

Personal Prelature

On Nov. 28, 1982, Opus Dei received the status of Personal Prelature, a new status in the church. "This way the Opus Dei received a legal clothing that fitted perfectly with the founder's charism."

Although it took sometime before I could acclimatize to the teachings of Escriva, it stands to reason that they are correct because the present time demands a need for sanctification in daily life.

Since I wrote about Escriva on Feb. 3, many things have happened in my prayer life. Blessed Escriva always said that the Mass is the root and center of the interior life. I find myself becoming more devoted to the Holy Mass and praying to Blessed Escriva for friends.

I made a nine-day novena asking him to help a priest in Romblon get a motorcycle, so he could be more effective in his work especially in far-flung barrios. I was able to raise funds when a very kind lady gave a big amount.

In recent times, John Paul II commended Opus Dei for its work. He said: "This is truly a great ideal, which right from the beginning has anticipated the theology of the lay state, a mark of the church and the Council" (meaning the Second Vatican Council). The Pope beatified Escriva in St. Peter's Square on May 17, 1992 attracting an audience of 300,000 people.

Bishop Javier Echevarria, prelate of Opus Dei, says: "I just want to say 'thank you'... to all the poor and sick who generously gave him the only thing they had, and converted their suffering to the priestly work of the founder of Opus Dei."

Blessed Padre Pio

The devotees of Blessed Padre Pio in the Philippines must be equally ecstatic about his forthcoming canonization.

I have a personal devotion to Padre Pio since I learned about him from the late Albert Seeland. Albert told me about the miracle that happened to Virgie Dimalanta. She was supposed to be operated in the US due to an intense pain in her leg. One afternoon, while alone in her hospital room and suffering from the pain, she prayed to Padre Pio. After a few minutes, she saw the back of a monk in brown habit leaving the room. The pain was gone.

When Chito Bertol of the Spirit of Love Community wrote to me about Padre Pio saving him from death, I wrote about the saint's healing Masses on the first Monday of every other month.

The relic of Padre Pio is venerated and kissed after the Mass. A healing will be held tomorrow at 6 p.m. Please call Sister Myrna at 929-3092/ 3056.

First stigmatized priest

Padre Pio suffered the wounds of Christ in his body and hands on Sept. 20, 1918. He was the first stigmatized priest. For 50 years, Padre Pio suffered in silence and his holiness grew. Even as a child he already had an intense love for Christ. And when he became a Capuchin friar, his celebration of the Mass showed this intense love. His Mass was "a holy merging with the passion of Jesus."

Padre Pio was also known to bilocate. Without leaving his cell in San Giovanni Rotondo, he was seen in another place when he had to visit a sick person. For prayer cards to Padre Pio, please write me, but enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope for easier mailing.

Juan Diego

It was to Juan Diego, an unlettered peasant in Tepeyac, Mexico, that Our Lady appeared on Dec. 9, 1531. The Virgin asked him to tell the Bishop to build a church where she appeared to him.

But the bishop didn't believe Juan Diego. So the Virgin asked Juan Diego to go to the bishop again and bring him a gift. Taking the tilma from Juan Diego, she arranged red roses, which surprisingly bloomed that winter. The Virgin told Juan Diego to bring the gift to the bishop. When he finally visited the bishop, he let fall the tilma with the roses falling to the ground. The bishop knelt in awe, not because of the roses, but of the Virgin's icon imprinted on the *tilma*.

A church was built, which is visited by millions of people every year, especially on Dec. 12, feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Juan Diego is now honored among the saints.

Other blessed to be canonized

The Holy See also announced that Pedro de San Jose Betancurt would be canonized July 31, and a canonization ceremony would take place May 19 for Alonso de Orozco, Ignazio da Santhia, Umile da Bisignano, Paulina do Coracao Agonizante de Jesus and Benedetta Cambiagio Frassinello.

Holy Week exhibit

An exhibit of 45 images depicting the passion and death of Christ opens today at the Sta. Monica Chapel with Msgr. Bayani Valenzuela as curator. A committee headed by Darlo de la Cruz prepared the exhibit, which will end on March. 9. Sta. Monica Chapel is in Don Galo, Parañaque.

Free novenas of St. Joseph

Daves Aguas, who is based in Los Angeles, sent us 30-day novena prayers to St. Joseph. Those who are interested can write me. Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope for easier mailing.

St. Joseph exhibit at Hospicio

Those who wish to bring their St. Joseph images for exhibit at the Hospicio de San Jose can register on March 8 and 9, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Ask for Archie. Opening date is March 10. This is being organized by the Friends of St. Joseph.

Manila YWCA general meeting

The general membership of Manila YWCA is invited to the annual meeting on March 15, 2 p.m. at the V.E. Sanchez Hall of Manila YWCA, Gen. Luna St., Ermita. Please call Leonie or Precy 525-6065 for details. New members are welcome.

THE WOMEN who wrote "Hibik Namin," a poem that revived the political consciousness of the Filipinos and the vital role of independence in creating a nation, are played by (left row) Judith Javier, Geraldine Tan, Edna Mae Landicho, Michelle Montero; (right row) Chynna Roxas, Mari Paz Alvero, Lyra Dominguez, Jeannelle Bihag and Emerald Bernal.

'HIBIK AT HIMAGSIK NINA VICTORIA LACTAW'

True moment of theater; triumph for women

By Doreen G. Fernandez

REVIEW

A PLAY is a miraculous thing, delivering through words, movement and music, ideas and entertainment, hope and dreams, pleasure and experience. "Hibik at Himagsik nina Victoria Lactaw," Bienvenido Lumbera's latest *zarzuela*, which won the Centennial prize in 1998, is a true moment of theater, a triumph. The gala performance on Feb. 22 was not only packed, it was a joyous event, with the audience of students, UP and Ateneo faculty, theater and screen personalities, laughing, shedding tears (especially in Act II), and rising in a standing ovation to the librettist, director, designers and cast.

The play takes off from a poem in "El Heraldo Filipino" (Feb. 17, 1899), titled "Hibik Namin," and for which nine women shared authorship. It was, in Lumbera's words, "a versified manifesto which called on all Filipinos to heed the plight of women victims of rape by American soldiers." All the names were clearly allegorical—Victoria Lactaw, Felipa Kapuloan, Feliza Kahatol, Victoria Mausig, Patricia Himagsik, Salvadora Dimagiba, Dolores Katindig, Honorata Dimaiuga and Deodata Liwanag—as were the names Maypagasa (Andres Bonifacio) and Tahimik (Apolinario Mabini).

Wishing to breathe life into the signatures, Bien set the play in Lipa, his hometown, because such "expressive indigenous names" are still to be found in Batangas. He aimed, first of all, to remind his generation that there was a Filipino-American war at the turn of the century, not just an insurrection dismissed by textbooks in a couple of pages. Then he wished to join his voice to those who have been "protesting the silencing of women in the narration of our revolutionary struggle." And finally, he wanted to say that the American Occupation did not end in 1946, but continues to this day, in what Renato Constantino calls "the continuing past."

The writer fleshed out these wishes in an updated *zarzuela* in three acts, with the songs acting as part of the dialogue, Myra Beltran's subtle choreography as accent to and ordering of action, and the lightening effect of Lucien Letaba's inspired music creating mood as well as providing settings for *kundiman*, *harana*, *balitaw* and *pasyon*. Old Batangas pictures projected on a large screen started each act, and in each Letaba used single instruments—a guitar, a drum, a bamboo clapper—only bringing in the choruses, solos, duets and ensemble singing within the play proper.

The songs were melodious and pleasurable, for example *mayordomo* Julian's (comic doubling as revolutionary): "*Kung saan ang tao'y/ buhay, /Kung saan ang laya'y/Di na maaagaw, /Iyan ang lupaing/Tinatanaw-tanaw/Ang pinapangarap/ Mutyang bagong bayan.*"

The women make their plaint:

Kami ang babae
Ng Nubentay-nuwebe,
Pinalaya kami
Ng Noli at Fili,
Pero gaya ng dati,
Kulong pa rin kami

Dito sa eskwela
Ni Maestra Rustica
Urbana at Feliza
Ang aming bibliya,
Sinasambang santa
Ang babaeng tanga

They prove that they are "*babae, hindi maya.*" Yes, they fall in love (all *zarzuelas* have love pairs), and sing together and to each other of their commitment—to both the loved one and the beloved Inang Bayan. Even though the men insist at first that men belong to the battlefield and women to the home, they, too, go to the mountains to fight the American encroachment; they work and suffer and are brutalized.

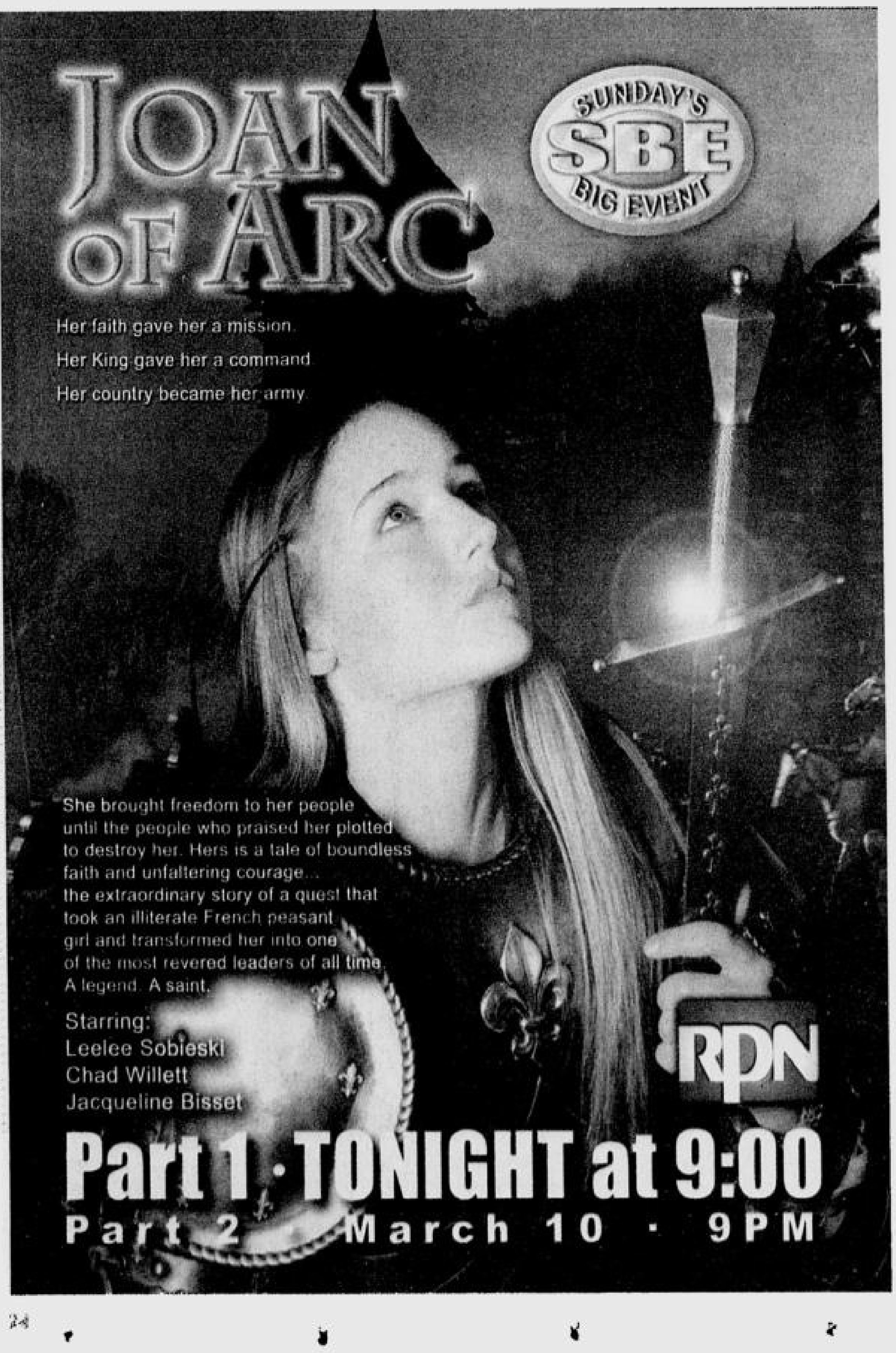
All this—scenes in town and street, in guerrilla camps and mountain trails, moments of love and of cruelty—occur against the two-panel set designed by Salvador Bernal, who has triumphantly, again and again, made scenographical magic of Philippine life. The two large panels of bamboo and paper are moved apart, folded and disposed to create all the imaginable situations in such an eventful play. The neutral colors are echoed in and complemented by the blacks, browns and beiges of the costumes for town and country, for men and women.

The language of the play is traditional Batangueño Tagalog, which gave special pleasure to Batangueños in the audience. The action stretches from May 1899, when the young men and women "were in the May time of their lives," looking forward to bright futures. The hard facts of war experienced in 1901 "made them ripe out of season" (*nahinog sa pilit*), as Bien puts it. It was a crucible, in which men and women were tried and found true. For the women who fought this and later revolutions, it was a first cry and revolt: *hibik at himagsik*.

The play fills the heart (*nakakataba ng puso*), encases the talents and lovely voices of Filipino students, teachers and professionals (especially Michelle Montero as Chayong and Agnes Barredo as Conching), and indicates the contemporary possibilities for poetry and drama, and for the traditional *zarzuela*.

Hurray for Bien, Lucien, Alex Cortez the visionary director, the cast, the designers and the Filipino people, whose history birthed this *zarzuela*.

The last performances will be today at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., at the Wilfrido Ma. Guerrero Theater, 2/F Palma Hall, UP Diliman, QC. Call Dulaang UP at 926-1349 or 920-5301 local 6641; telefax 924-3224; e-mail dulaangup@yahoo.com.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Twin-billed birthday celebration

ASTORIA Plaza's Vivian S. Ng recently hosted a buffet lunch at the Café Astoria to jointly celebrate the birthdays of Ethel Timbol, Life and Leisure editor of the Manila Bulletin, and Agnes Huibonhoa, chief executive assistant of Vice President Teofisto Guingona Jr.

Former QC Mayor Mel Mathay, Ambassador to Osaka Tony Villamayor, Techno Marine top man Raffy Florencio and Cinderella big boss Therese Santos graced the occasion, as did Kim Camacho, wife of Finance Secretary Lito Camacho, Vilma Valera, Susan Laudico, Ching Cruz, Nena del Rosario, Nene Leonor, Fe Rodriguez, Fortune Ledesma, Brenda Reyes, Myrna Borromeo and Roi Phillips.

Also seen were Betsy Quisumbing, Naty Papas, Bebu Bulchand, Susan Limjoco, Dulce Romualdez, Babot Oreta, Cory Quirino, Pietro's Winnie Rodrigo, and fashion designers Rudy Fuentes and Bobby Novenario.

Together with Mary Ann S. Reyes, Astoria's general manager, and Miguel G. Cerqueda, president of Genesis Hotels and Resorts Corp., which manages Astoria, Vivian took the opportunity to show the celebrators and their guests the first-class amenities of the serviced apartments at Astoria Plaza, Escriva Street, Ortigas Business Center, Pasig.

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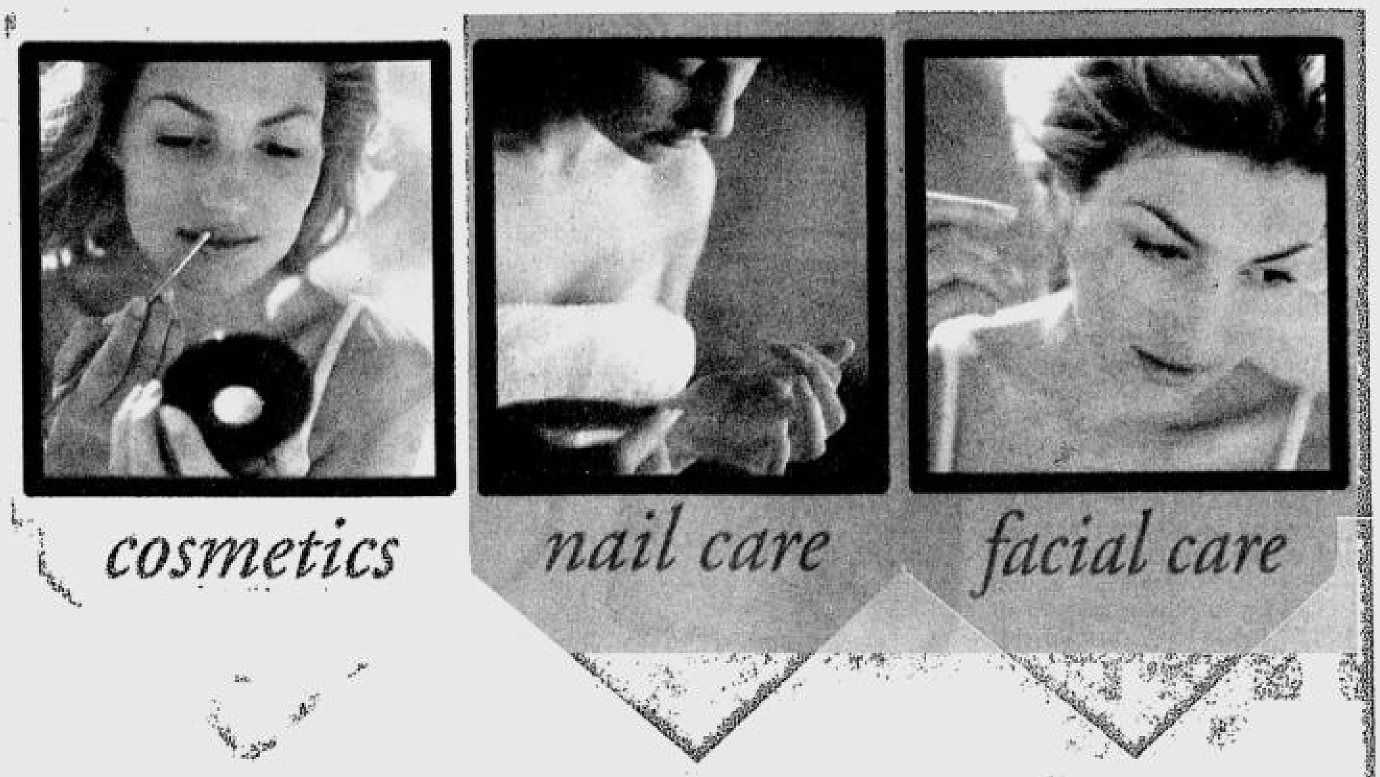

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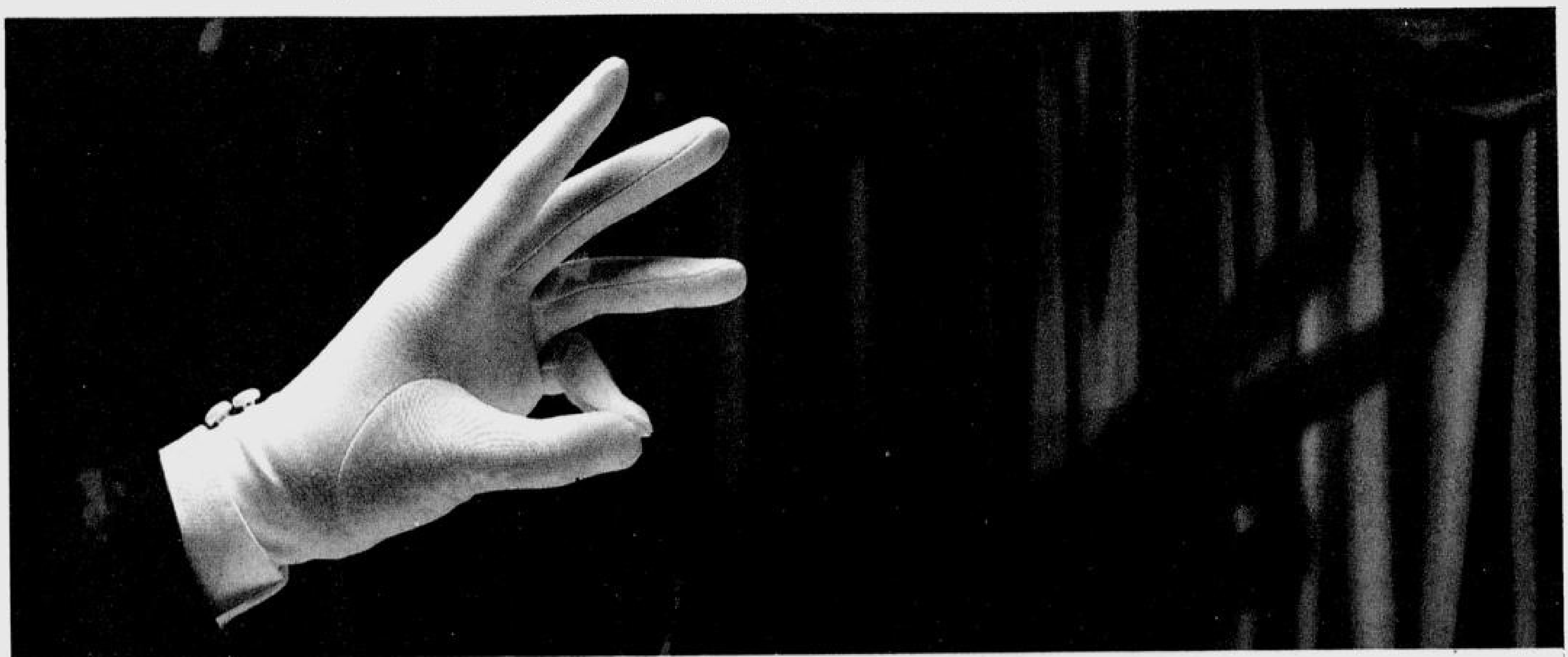

Behold the magical treats from three Shangri-La hotels. Makati Shangri-La, Edsa Shangri-La and Traders Hotel Manila give you special accommodation packages this Easter. At Makati Shangri-La, get up to 40% discount on Superior Rooms with triple occupancy for only Php4,088.50+* per night! Enjoy free buffet breakfast for two, free local calls and 20% discount on laundry. Plus, kids under six get to eat for free when accompanied by two paying adults. For inquiries and reservations, call (02) 814-2525 or e-mail slm_resvn@shangri-la.com.

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Makati Shangri-La
MANILA

Get all the classics in one bag

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Anton San Diego

MOST wanted bag for spring/summer 2002—Louis Vuitton. Just when you think you do not need another handbag, one comes along that will catch your eye—and more. You know that feeling—the sweaty palms, the increased heart rate when you're not having sex... You want to buy a bag!

Louis Vuitton is introducing the latest "lust-have" for the season, its mini monogram bag. It's whimsical, naïve, fairy-tale like and unique. Louis Vuitton's "it" bag has appliqués like frogs, butterflies, owls, etc., and is made of LV's signature leather the monogram, epi leather, damier canvas and last summer's hot, hot must-have, the graffiti. Just think: If you do not get to have any of the classic Louis Vuitton, you can have patches of it in one bag. Louis Vuitton boutique is located at 6750 Building, Ayala Avenue, tel. 813-0637.

> Even if you do not get to have any of the classic Louis Vuitton, you can have patches of it in one bag

MUST-HAVE BAG: Mini monogram by Louis Vuitton

Must-have colognes for men—Kenzo Pour Homme and Higher Dior. Aren't you, men, getting tired of going to a store and being sprayed various scents by sales people who want to make you smell like a bouquet of flowers or, worse, Shaldan (read: car air freshener)? By the time you get out of the store your sense of smell is going ballistic.

Women have it easier. So, for men looking for a new scent, here are the best choices in the market—Higher Dior and Kenzo Pour Homme.

Higher is the latest creation by the new Dior designer Hedi Slimane. It is sexy, fruity and fresh. It's very young, modern and sophisticated. Kenzo Pour Homme, on the other hand, is fresh and wood-sy, with hints of floral and the ocean. It's very sexy and sensual. Both colognes can be found at Rustan's and leading stores nationwide.

The best times of my life. I recently received an invitation to the International School reunion, where I went for both elementary and secondary education. As I write this article, a flood of memories gushes through my brain. The naughty stuff I remember includes smoking in the bathroom, smoking while in detention (think: breakfast club) and, when Tia Maria opened a few meters away, going back to school drunk and getting caught, resulting in detention or suspension.

During my middle school years, our whole class went to Ilocos Norte for a field trip. The mayor there, who was quite powerful (I think he is still an official there), invited eight guys and myself to a house to have sex with women. One of my classmates squealed, and that was the last time there was a field trip to Ilocos.

As for the wholesome stuff, in seventh grade, **Ma. Cielito Fernandez** (Pops to you) joined a talent show and we were her backup dancers. The only thing I ever won (I was a C+ student) in the 12 years I was at IS was a Best Dancer award (cringe).

Some of the things I miss are: The funny and weird teachers, but most especially the nice ones like my Grade 1 teacher Ms **Cruz**, Grade 3 teacher Ms **Isabel Valles** and guidance counselors **Mac** and **Vicky Herrera**; and (this is something I thought I would never say) canteen food—the greasy and batter-rich fried chicken, sweet barbecue and the *pan de sal* with butter and cheese. I also miss the '80s songs which, when I now see on Classic MTV, seems to bring on a new wrinkle.

I remember the fun time I had with my good friend **Kit Silverio (Zobel)**. Once, we were throwing chalk at each other across the room. The game later got out of hand because she threw an eraser and we chased each other all over the campus.

Last week I attended the wedding of a classmate and I realized that everyone in my group was married, except Pops and me. At the wedding, it was especially fun to see high-school sweethearts, who have their own families now, meet again. **Bobby Villanueva,** who is getting married today, has changed from the Ted Nugent shirt-wearing rocker to a yuppie with white hair. It's exciting to compare what we were then (young, ambitious, impatient, cocky) to who we are now (still young, ambitious, impatient but less cocky).

Transformation, that's what it's called. I am glad I have been transformed as well. Back then I was this fat, pimply kid who had a problem with his hair. Back then there wasn't any hair gel (the greatest scientific invention). You see, I had a "fro." Even when Michael Jackson was already out, my hair did not follow suit. My sister would call it P.H.D. (pubic hair do).

I remember when I learned there was this gel-like substance you can put on your hair. I asked where I could buy it, and somehow ended up in Mercury Drug store. I bought the gel and could not wait to try it out, but there seemed to be no change in my hair. (On hindsight, I realized those funny guys at the drugstore gave me KY Jelly instead. That's why my hair was so slippery.)

On March 9, the International School of Manila will have its reunion on its present campus for the last time. In September, the school will be moving to Fort Bonifacio. The reunion starts at 4 with a walk around the campus, toasts, dinner, music, dancing, etc. Call Vicky Herrera or Evelyn del Rosario at tel. 896-9801.

My class, that's 1985 (okay, I gave away your real ages guys!), was simply the best. It is so refreshing to know that after 17 (yikes!) years, we have remained good friends.

Besides the education I got, IS taught me a lot of things—from the value of diversity and racial differences to speaking your mind and making your own decision.

Somehow the thought of not driving past the campus or thinking of visiting as I pass by is quite unnerving. But that's life. I realize, however, that the spirit of those years will always be in my mind and heart, for they were the best times of my life.

MUST-HAVE COLOGNES FOR MEN: Higher Dior and Kenzo Pour Homme

Must-have CD—"Russel Watson—The Voice." This is a definite must-buy CD for those who love beautiful voices. Only 27 years old, Russell Watson, who is from Salford, England, has a heavenly voice. He is touted as the premier rival of Andrea Bocelli.

Like the Italian, Watson has had no proper training. He started by performing in bars and nightclubs at night while working in a factory by day. Watson got his big break when he performed in the 1999 World Cup in Barcelona. Like Bocelli, Sarah Brightman and Charlotte Church, he belongs to a new category called "classical crossover."

Watson's album has sold 600,000 worldwide, and the guy is about to take the world by storm. Listening to him is soothing and relaxing. My favorite cuts from the album are "Nella Fantasia," "Bridge over Troubled Water," "Vienna," "Someone Like You" and "Nessun Dorma." "Russell Watson—The Voice" is available at Tower Records and Music One.

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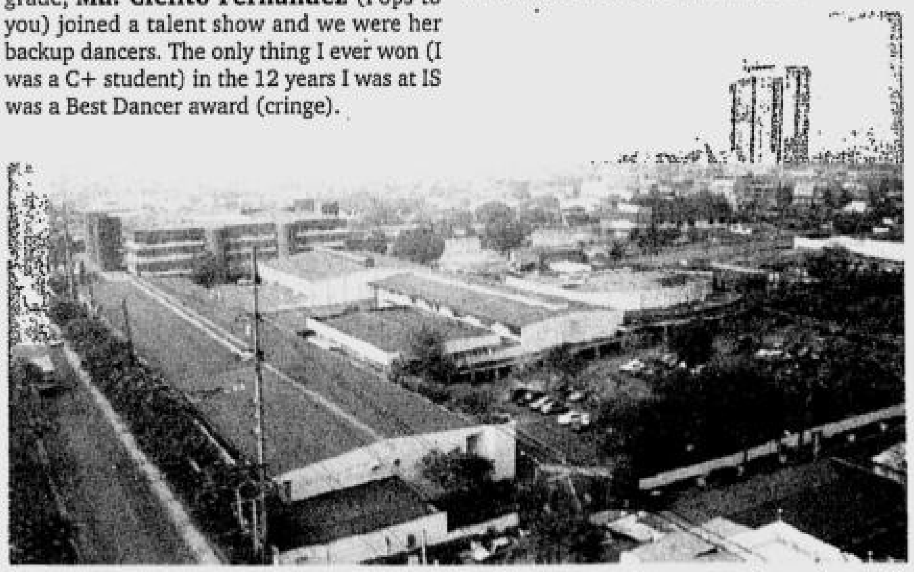

GOODBYE CAMPUS. Present site of the International School campus, where there will be a big reunion on March 9. It will be the last reunion to be held there as the school is relocating to the Fort in September.

RYAN Agoncillo

JULIUS Babao and Christine Bersola

JUSTICE Undersecretary Manuel Teehankee and lawyer Perry Pe

ENERGY Secretary Vince Perez and Ché's Tommy Villanueva

Savvy and chic at Ché's first anniversary

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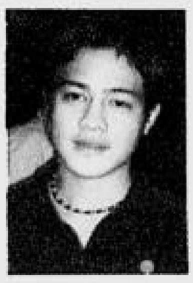
Raul Teehankee

AROMATIC cigar smoke permeated the indoor atmosphere and al fresco celebration of Ché's first anniversary party held last week at the Power Plant, Rockwell. The Cuban revolutionary, **Ché Guevarra**, for whom the place is named, would have been amused by how many cigar aficionados his memory has inspired through the decades.

With a choice of 600 *cohibas* from the humidor room, a gourmet table filled with baked mussels and house specialty dishes of *lechon de leche* pizza and buffalo wings, and a round table of select reds and white *vino*, we were guaranteed a savvy and chic night at Ché's.

Add a photogenic and power crowd: **Ryan Agoncillo**, **Robina Gokongwei**, Energy Secretary **Vince Perez**, **Julius Babao** and **Christine Bersola**, Ché owners **Tommy and Yoohoo Villanueva**, **Bobby Benares**, architect **Bong Recio**, among others, and you've got one hot smoking anniversary!



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Surprise yourself this Easter at Edsa Shangri-La, Manila. Up to three persons can stay two nights in a Superior Room for only Php7,306.20+* or a Deluxe Room for only 9,741.60+* and get one more night, free! Includes buffet breakfast for two on the first two days and 15% discount on the Easter Fair tickets to the Easter egg hunting and painting, magic show, and more. Plus, kids under six get to eat for free when accompanied by two paying adults. For inquiries and reservations, call (02) 636-9083 to 87 or e-mail rsvn_esl@shangri-la.com.

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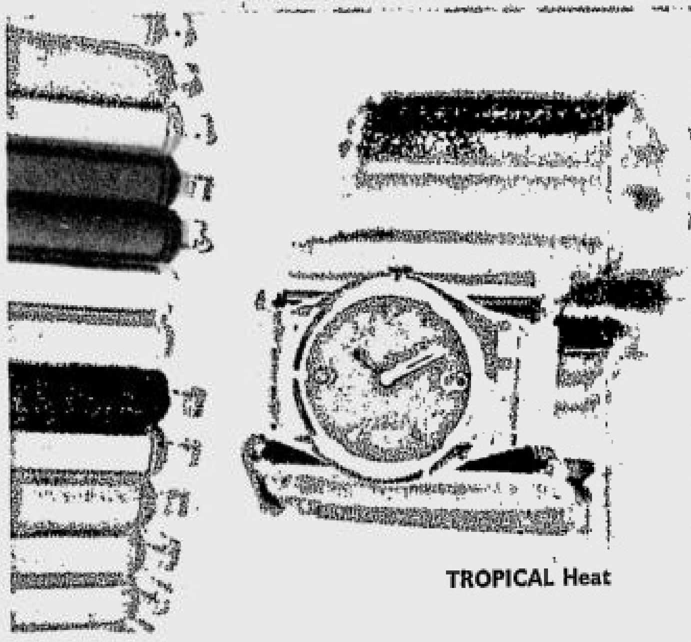
Edsa Shangri-La
MANILA

Spring-Summer 2002 watches now out with more color

THE SWATCH Spring Summer 2002 Collection carries the same well-known features – clean construction, amazing style, a sense of humor, unisex and age-defying appeal. Watches in the collection have classic, contemporary and even high-tech designs.

The Swatch Spring Summer 2002 Collection includes Tropical Heat (lady), Fleurs d'Ocean (gent), Pastel de Pastel, Sweetness, Cheeky Cherry (lady) and Happy Sea (scuba).

The new line is now available at all Swatch Stores and Kiosks and Gift Gate stores nationwide. Swatch is exclusively distributed by Gift Gate Inc.



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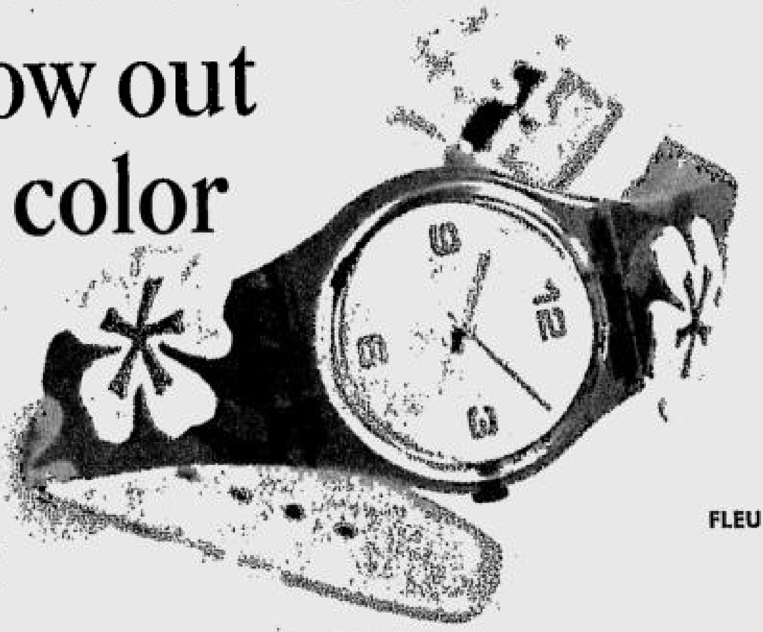

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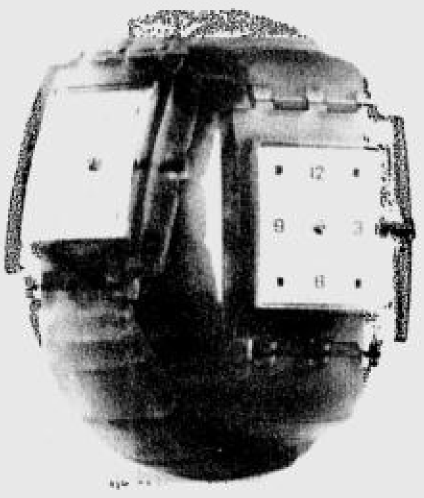

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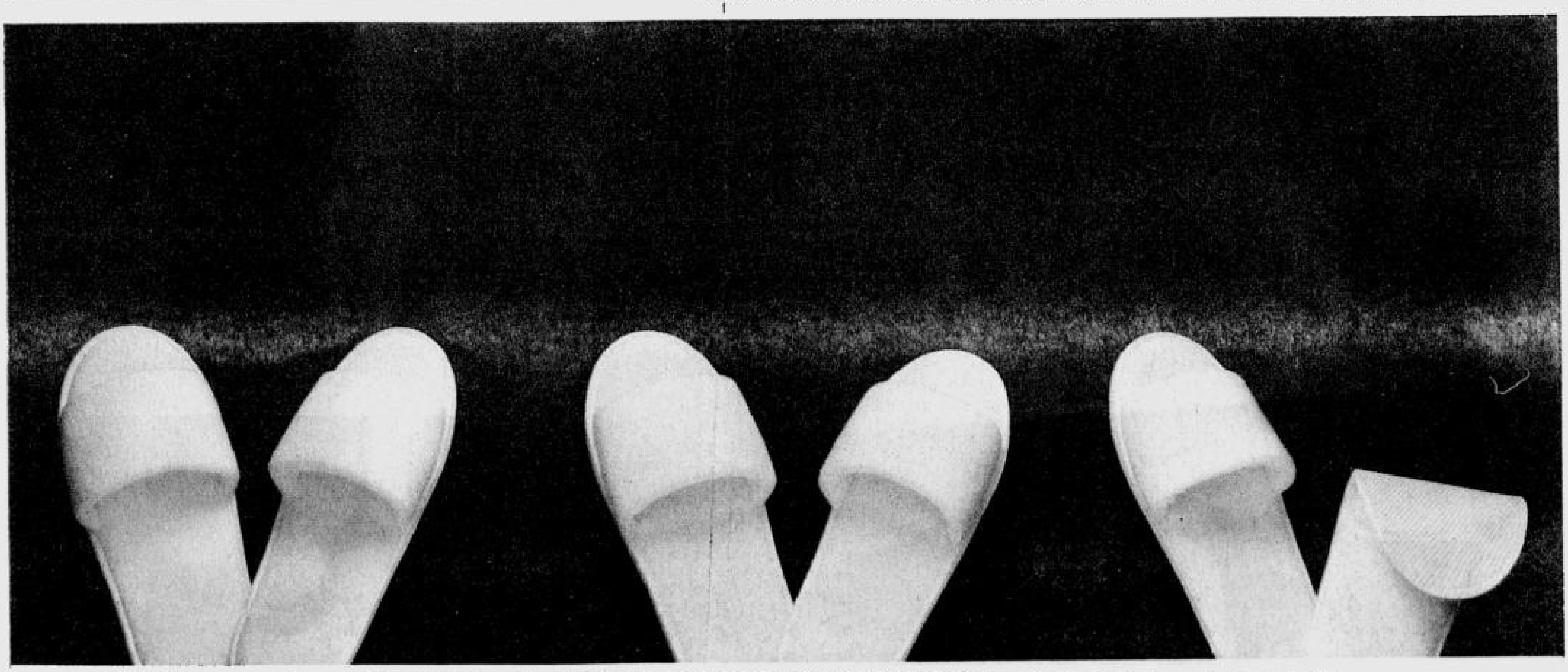

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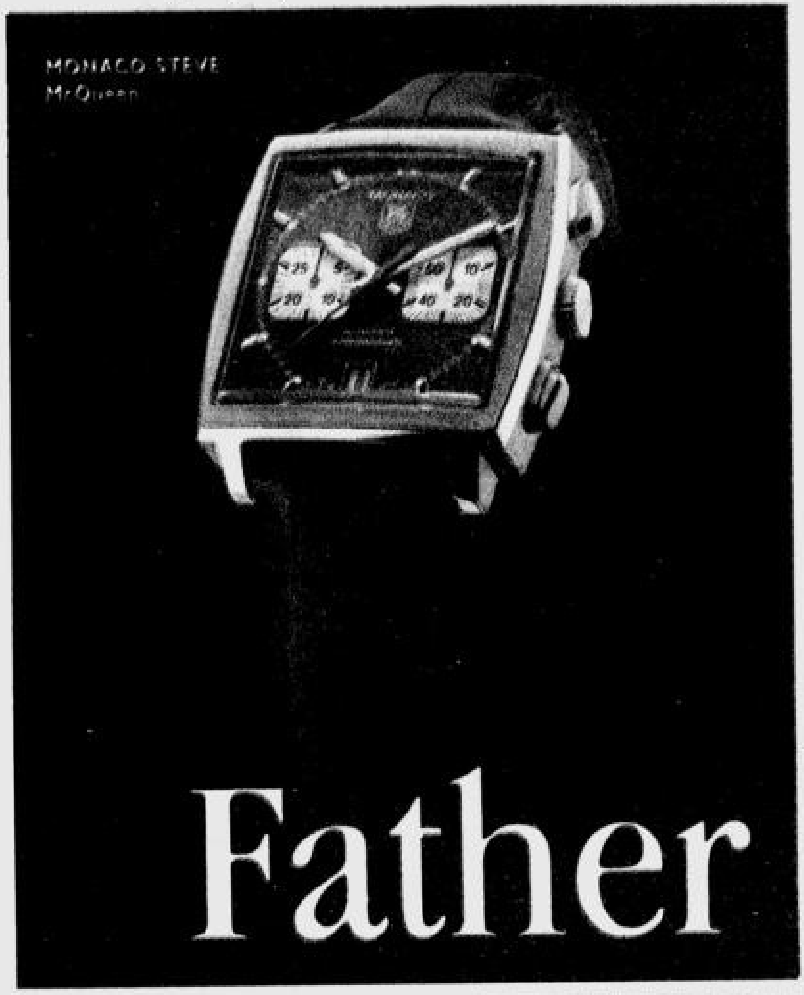

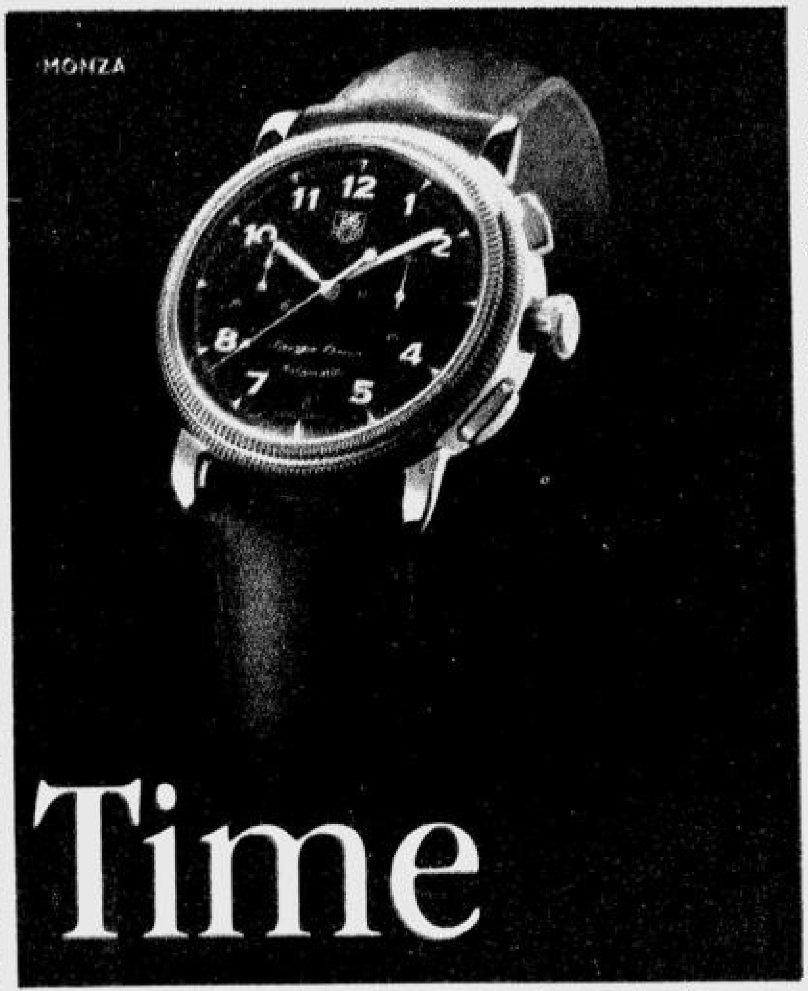

Father Time

Watch what he's saying because he comes from the Swiss family Heuer that for over a century made sporty and high-end wristwatches

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the HK celebrities who have been tapped to push the reissued TAG Heuer classic watches in the Crown Colony. Neither do they unnerve Jack Heuer, ever the consummate ambassador for the watch brand that his great grandfather, Edouard Heuer, started in Switzerland 142 years ago.

"I have a 90-year-old mother-in-law and she noticed my new watch, I'm very proud of that. If she notices, it means something," Heuer remarks over dinner that is meant to bring the lifestyle press from the Philippines up to date with the prestigious Swiss brand.

He picks up his pair of chopsticks and tries to use it to wrap up the Peking duck pieces, but one of the sticks flies off the table. "You have to teach me these things," he says.

His expertise, you see, is on timepieces. Used to design and craft them himself, in fact. Four generations of the Swiss family Heuer made watches and he is the only survivor of the fourth generation. When he joined the company, it was a Mom-and-Pop shop employing 35 people. In 10 years, he boosted sales tenfold and had over 300 in personnel. In 1982, he sold the business to the Piaget group, which sold it to the TAG group (Technique d'Avant Garde), which later sold to LVMH (Louis Vuitton-Moet Hennessy). Now, with his winning smile, he's content to just spread the gospel about TAG Heuer watches all over the world so they will keep sizzling on the desirability scale.

"I can choose my rhythm, I have the privilege of being able to say yes or no," he notes. "The market is bigger than my willingness to travel."

Asia happens to be an important market where, according to Jack, TAG Heuer is doing better than average for the Swiss industry. Its watches are distributed in the Philippines by Watchworks, which has 15 outlets in Manila and three in Cebu.

Their No. 1 market, however, is the United States. "We have been pushing the brand there since 1959, so that's over 40 years of systematically working the brand." In many ads in the US for their watches, the copy would include the advice "Say Hoyer" because that's how "Heuer" is pronounced.

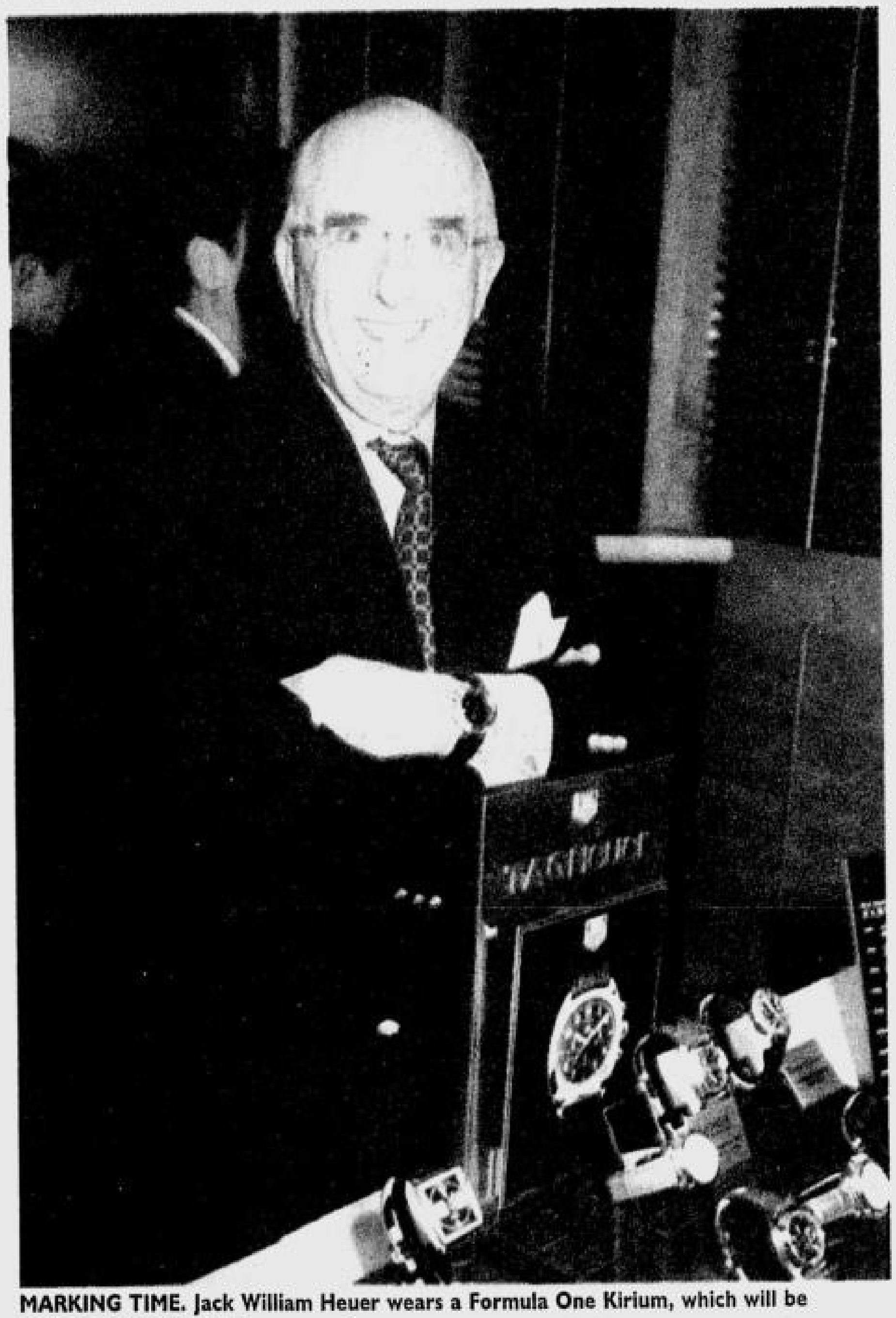
The company has built a reputation for coming out with daring, thought-provoking ads, from the "Inner Strength" series featuring top sports stars to the Alter Ego campaigns exploring female strength to the newest "Beyond Measure" ads that offer a vision of sport beyond strength and performance, one that is melded with instant grace.

Sporting life

Unlike other brands, TAG Heuer watches are more linked with sports and luxury than with fashion and chic. This is because in the company's heyday, the Heuers chose to tailor their creativity and craftsmanship to the needs of various sports for accurate timekeeping.

As early as 1882, the company introduced pocket chronographs with split second features that were used for horse racing. Jack's grandfather, Charles, obtained the patent in 1895 for the first waterproof pocket watch case and in 1911 invented the first dashboard chronograph to measure the time of trip. The Heuer chronographs were used for timekeeping in the Olympics in Paris in 1924 and in Amsterdam in 1928.

Young Jack Heuer's love of sports inspired him to invent a low-cost microtimer, a handheld quartz stopwatch, an electronic wrist chronograph with analog reading of the time of day and digital readout of watch functions and a radio emitter for Formula One cars to allow for precise timing and lap counting.


MARKING TIME. Jack William Heuer wears a Formula One Kirium, which will be launched in mid-March.

Since he himself joined car rallyes in Switzerland and the US, he improved the legibility of dials in dashboard instruments. Since car rallying was a high-end sport, the Heuer brand gained more prestige from such exposure.

When Ferrari had difficulty with timing long-duration races, an exchange deal with Heuer resulted. Ferrari could use a printer specially developed by Heuer for not only identifying four race cars but also printing out the individual lap times and numbers of laps accomplished. In return, Ferrari had to put the Heuer logo on every F1 and G1 racing car. "With a little haggling, we also agreed that we would support financially every driver of the Ferrari team as long as the driver wore the logo on his overalls," recalls Heuer. Another condition: the drivers had to go to the Heuer factory in Switzerland to pick up their Carrera wristwatches and meet the employees.

And so it is no coincidence that Heuer wristwatches have been named after car races: the Monza in Milan, the Carrera Panamerica Mexico Race, the Targa Florio in Italy, etc. and their flag carriers have always been motor racing heroes—Juan Miguel Fangio, Ayrton Senna, David Coulthard, etc. The company still sponsors individual race drivers but not in the aggressive way they did in the past.

Interestingly, some competition is now coming from athletic wear manufacturers that are marketing their own wristwatches.

"When Nike makes a watch it's a bit like Calvin Klein making a watch except that they come from different areas," observes Heuer. "I must say Nike and even Adidas are quite innovative. Their watches are well designed and feature rich, but in a totally different price segment. And they will also not go through the usual distributors."

But not to worry. Heuer thinks that because of globalization of brands these new names are going to take away market share from the regional brands. "But we're watching what they're doing, of course," he adds.

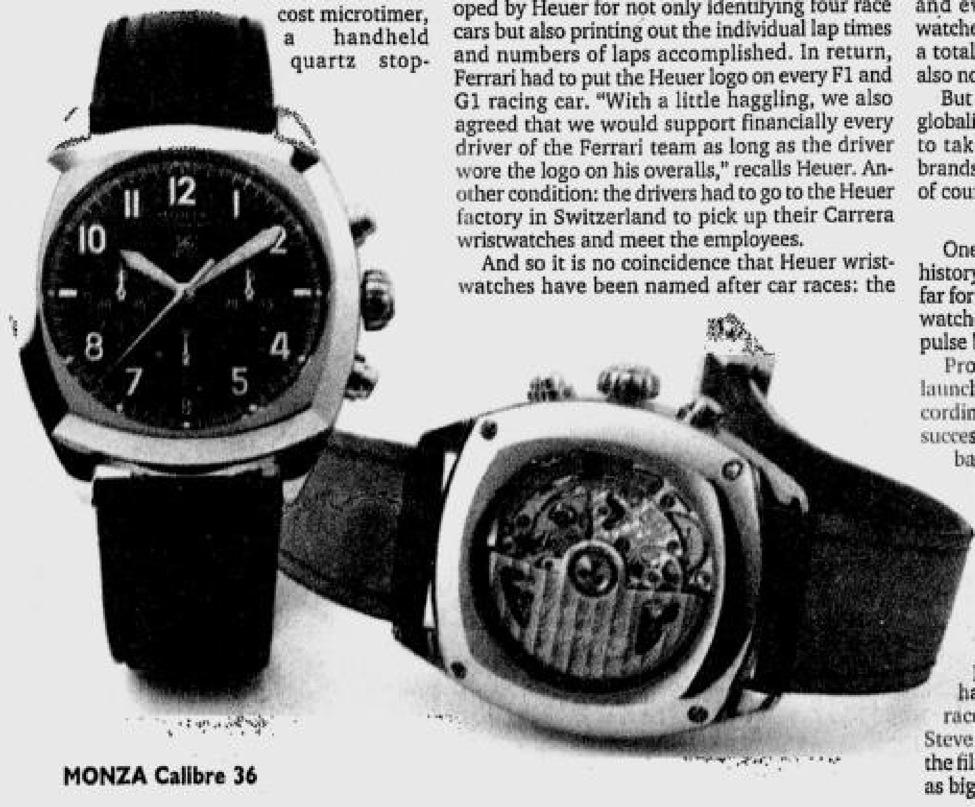
Reissued classics

One of the strengths of a company with a long history like Tag Heuer is that it doesn't have to go far for design inspirations. Relaunching its classic watches has proved to be not only a creative impulse but a brilliant marketing strategy.

Production of the Carrera, which was first launched in 1964, was stopped around 1980. According to Heuer, everybody was surprised by the success of the Carrera upon its reissue in 1996 and based on that the company has decided to relaunch the Monaco, which is also exceeding all expectations worldwide.

"The reissues are sold out and back ordered, especially the Monaco," offers Heuer. "In my time the Monaco wasn't a success because it was too avant garde."

As luck would have it, someone in Hollywood thought it was a nice watch and picked it out of a box of watches that Heuer had sent the producer of "Le Mans" for the race car drivers in the movie to wear. Since Steve McQueen wore the Monaco on his wrist in the film, it became a success, but, notes Heuer, not as big a success as it is today.


MONZA Calibre 36

"I think that if it is cult today it's because Steve McQueen is cult, and he is cult because he was a rebel in his time and in a way he chose a watch that was a rebel," adds Heuer.

When the Monaco was first relaunched, Heuer purists complained that it was not the real McCoy. At the HK press conference, one of the Chinese actors is presented with the Monaco in the correct color, which is blue.

Besides the Carrera and Monaco, the Monza and Targa Florio have also been reissued.

Trends

Heuer has what you may consider an international family. His mother was British, his wife was brought up in Argentina and one of his two sons married a Brazilian.

The women in the Heuer family were not involved in the business, which was typical in the watch industry where watchmakers to this day are normally male (women now work as assemblers). They did host dinners for distributors who would visit the factory in Switzerland, and as a boy Jack would meet the clients of his father, Charles Edouard, and his uncle Hubert, both of whom were trained in business.

Jack himself went away to study in Zurich because he wanted to do something else. He became not just an electrical engineer, but one who mastered in production and management techniques. "I wanted to go work for Arthur D. Little," he recalls. Arthur D. Little, the first American consulting company created after the World War II, specialized in technology consulting. Jack would have fit in right there but his father bade him to establish a foreign sales office. "So then I was caught, no way out after that," he says.

The first sales subsidiary Jack put up in New York was called the Heuer Time Corp., which still exists today as TAG Heuer USA, a division of LVMH Watch & Jewelry USA. It has moved to Springfield, New Jersey and that building, according to Heuer, is now going to be a LVMH center.

By his own admission, Jack Heuer is happy with the company's transformation "mainly because I find that Louis Vuitton is an honorable company with an understanding for old brands."

Even a time-honored brand like TAG Heuer follows the trend. For instance, in its Alter Ego line for women is a watch studded with diamonds. "It happens to be the fashion to have diamonds in a watch. Even Rolex has started to put diamonds all over. And Longines, very definitely, Omega. If somebody has a brand and he doesn't have it, he loses the lady who wants diamonds," Heuer points out.

He thinks diamonds on watches will wear out their welcome and gold will be more in vogue because it is highly chic. "We are in the process of launching more gold models, more than we had before. People like Bvlgari are doing very well with their gold watches," he notes.

Personal booty

At dinner's end, Jack Heuer shows off his personal collection of antique Heuer timepieces. One, a gold pocketwatch with double back, once belonged to his great grandfather who founded the company in a small workshop in St.-Imier. "It's relatively rough but it was already very nice and all handmade, of course," he says.

Another is a chronograph watch that Jack's grandfather wore until late 1922. Charles was a marksman and his clients in England would invite him to their hunts. Besides the beautiful mechanism, the pocket watch has a grouse and his favorite setter painted in enamel.

Most treasured in his collection is still the 18K self-winding chronograph Carrera, the watch that Jack Heuer fathered both in design and technology. "Both my boys have one each," he says. "One let me have it on loan but it's his watch. This was my favorite piece because there are so many emotions involved."

CARRERA Chron

HK pop stars show off the classics at the TAG Heuer press conference. Swimmer/recording artist Alex Fong (left) with his Monza and actor-singer Louis Koo with his Monaco.

LVMH'S Dominique Taieb

AFTER DINNER pause and pose PR consultant Charisse Velez, Bulletin Today Life & Leisure editor Ethel Timbol, the author and Philippine Star writer Tanya Lara with Jack Heuer and his antique timepieces.

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Experiencing it is now a must among the metropolitan folk. Witnesses claim to hear wild splattering as it speeds, glides, and swoops in its gigantic loop.

Similar structures have bee reported to rise in other m cities in the country.

HALF-PET, HALF MACHINE

Unveiled in the Science Museum today is RoboPup -- a lovable pet that's half-dog, half-machine. Dr. Zee, a noted veterinarian famous for reconstructing fractured and damaged nal body parts introduced his latest boPup can be the cute, playful family would love to have. le, he can be as cunning s any guard dog -- equipped to deal with cters in

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Soon, posters will be screaming yellow-and-red. A new ideology will se. New and better coalitions ed as inspired by this new ment. Hundreds have signified pport. Red and yellow ribbons es and such armbands express th's new position.

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To start with, the banana-rainbow coalition has ag to splat the town red as a ceremonial gesture of their union.

A neighbor describes what sort of upside-down behaviours are being introduced in the house on the 7th Street. He claims to have seen his neighbors wear their clothes inside-out.

TURN OF EVENTS I HOUSE

hanged. ing around town house in the heart of ore and more people are strange behaviors and manifesting a world de-down.

Joan, a neighbor, claims to have heard Jake -- the youngest in the said household -- boast that he could now do a series of dstands. Sightings of him around the house on his seem to affirm the to have

address has also been brought to the attention of authorities. Neighbors say the house is being remodelled. Furniture pieces are being reconstructed to stand on their heads; the house, being restructured bottomside-up.

Investigators are looking into evidences that might give them a lead on such behaviors. Neighbors report seeing splatters of a ketchup from a radical upside-down bottle. Given the above claims, it may not be long before we start seeing trucks speed down the highway backwards. Or probably things lling upwards.

GMA WELC NEW COM IN TH INET

A gentlemen airs his gratitude with such conviction for the rising incidence of ketchup rave over this new banana tomato blend ketchup combination. He claims it has turned his world upside down.

Greater Manila Area (GMA) residents and the whole nation welcome a new, exciting combination that's finding it's way into the home. It's a combination nobody has ever tasted before. Sweet banana goodness and rich tomato zest come together in new Lady's Choice Banana Tomato Blend Ketchup.

Since its introduction, a rising incidence of hoarding has been observed. A siege of grocery stores takes place everyday. Mothers and kids rush into stores and back into their houses filling up their cupboards with this radical blend.

Elena, mother of two, admits to being one of them. She says her kids, aged 10 and 12, just can't get enough of the hip blend. It's such a hit in her household that her grocery cabinet welcomes this ketchup sensation with open arms.

MS. WARI TURNS ANEW

A certain Ms. Wari has turned anew. Now, she and her family are switching to a radical lifestyle which means doing away with their old ketchup.

On the lookout for an adventure, her younger brothers Miggy and Tim - 12 and 11 -- came across this upside-down banana tomato blend ketchup. Since then, she says, the Wari boys were never the same again. They would flip and tumble around the garden, make the dog roll over and over, turn petty arguments this way and that way before coming to an agreement, and see things from a different perspective. If anything, she has noticed her brothers turn more spirited and smart.

Today, Ms. Wari vows to be like her brothers. She has managed to turn away from her old boring , days with her old ketchup. She vows to be more adventurous, full of life, turn things upside-down and enjoy life like never before.

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Ms. Wari signs a petition at the Barangay Hall to adapt this youthful perspective in life made possible by her younger brothers' exciting new behavior. she vows to support such movement.

Everyone's in for new twists and turns in their meals and snacks with the new Lady's Choice Banana Tomato Blend Ketchup. Brace yourselves for a blast, upside down.

First, it reverses the adage that says "You can't have the best of both worlds." This ketchup wonder has both sweet banana goodness and rich tomato zest in one radical blend. It's a naturally sourced blend that has both sweetness and spunk any young ketchup lover would grab.

And then, it's got ketchup literally turned on its head. New Lady's Choice Banana Tomato Blend Ketchup comes in a flip-top, upside down bottle. Eye-catchingly hip, it draws ketchup buffs to enjoy it bottoms up.

Warning: the bottle is squeezable so expect splatter-crazy ketchup freaks splattering snacktown red. What's more it comes sealed with a safety tab to ensure freshness and prevent spillage. Make sure to peal off the seal beneath the cap before you splat.

Splattering the town nationwide, new Lady's Choice Banana Tomato Blend Ketchup is a breakthrough blend in a cool, innovative bottle. It's sure to perk up your table experience and turn your world upside down.

SIGH HALF-MAN, HALF-HORSE!

his picture is said to be the only proof of sightings of a creature that's f-man, half-horse. Recent sightings coincide with the introduction new ketchup combination. Strange days. And more stories to come.

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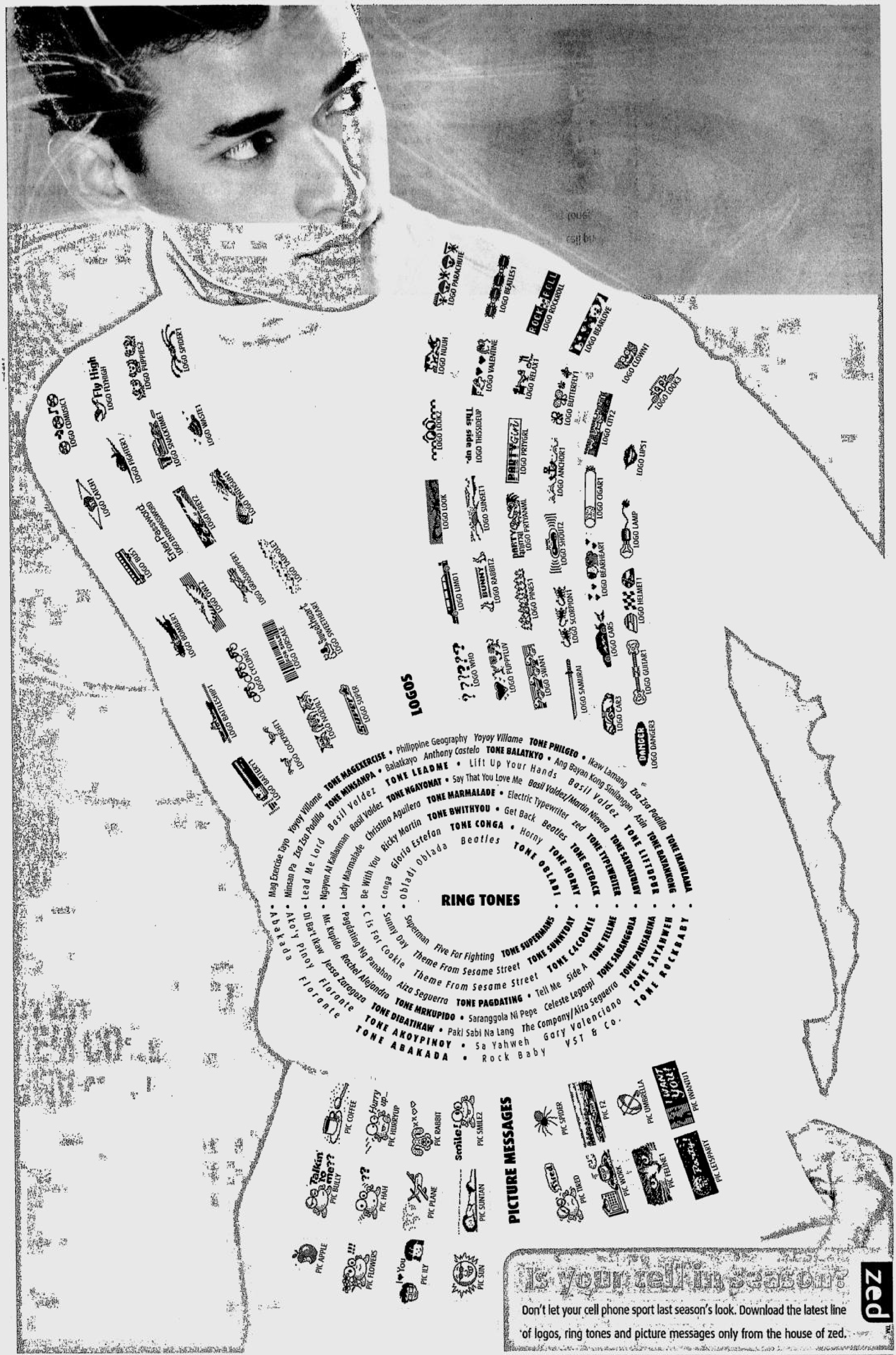
ing an arrow. ad of a man. They trace its origins from the heavily forested areas upper north until its recent frequent apparitions in town. His sudden frequent visits down the mountains are believed to have been brought about by recent illegal logging and deforestation.

Legend has it that the creature roams the forests during hunting season, luring hunters off their trail. It is believed to be the protector of trees and forest wildlife. Literature depicts it rearing, majectic in its godlike demeanor, aiming an arrow.

In other regions, people in fishing villages claim sightings of a creature alf-fish, half-human.

Mang Alfredo, a farmer recalled encounter with the legendary ure. Having ran out of wood for , he set out very early at dawn. hours had passed before he e was running into the same nd over again. And so he rest with this nagging He heard hooves. To nt, he looked up to see ure gleaming in the that peep through trees. There and been transported as it was, he had suddenly tead there ranquility. up. He am from se lying of dried felt such never had the forest. relate similar report having onths when in their -like encounter with the creature, they felt they had been gone for only an hour. Strange. But as of this writing and judging from ongoing research, this writer cannot help but somehow believe.



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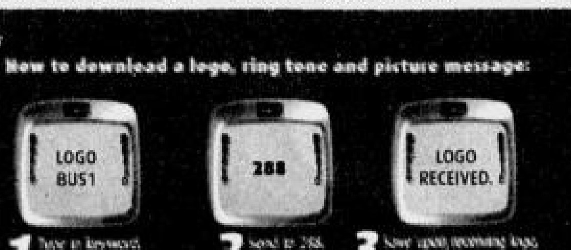
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THE NEWLYWEDS. Jeny Jane Yao and Christopher Tiu

AS the bride walked down the aisle escorted by her parents, family and close friends recalled the love story that led an acquaintance date to altar date.

The couple met in a mooncake festival fund-raiser organized by Jeny Jane Yao and a couple of her friends. Unknown to her, she was being set up with both Christopher Tiu and his childhood best friend at the same time. A comedy of errors ensued but serendipity would write a new chapter in the lives of Jane and Chris.

The bride is the second daughter of Alberto and Myrna Yao of Richwell Trading (distribu-

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tor of Barbie dolls, Mattel toys, etc.). The bride's mother, Myrna, is the president of the National Council of Women in the Philippines and Filipino-Chinese Federation of Business and Professional Women of the Philippines, as well as commissioner of the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women. Jane graduated with a degree in physical therapy from the University of the Philippines Manila and is currently finishing her MBA at UP Diliman.

The groom is the eldest son of Carlos and Rosario Tiu. He graduated from Xavier School and finished his legal management degree at De La Salle University. He currently manages the family business, which imports and distributes lighting and electrical products.

Principal sponsors were Senators Loren Legarda and Ramon Magsaysay Jr. (represented by Agusto Banson Catindig), singer and businessman Jose Mari Chan, Gina Lopez of ABS-CBN Foundation, Chris' baptismal godparents William Uy and Pilar Lim, Angel Tan, Amy Wong, Japanese businessman Masahiro Hata, Betty Roxas-Chua, the bride's aunt Daisy Yao and Henry Sy Jr. (represented by Herbert Sy).

Jane looked like a princess in her white gown adorned with Swarovski crystals designed by Joe Salazar. She held a bouquet of white Ecuador roses by florist Tony Rodriguez.

The female entourage, composed of the bride's best friend Vivien Co (maid of honor), her sisters Maye (bridesmaid) and Joan (junior bridesmaid) wore iridescent green gowns with Swarovski crystals and embroidered flowers, and held rose bouquets. Flower girls were Alyanna Chuatoco, Bea Balbacal and Hanna Carina Sy.

The groom's younger brother Carter Carlos Tiu was best man while cousin Jeffrey Yu was groomsman. Other members of the wedding entourage were Harvey Christopher Sy (junior groomsman), the groom's nephews Gerard Tan (ring bearer) and Timothy Tan (coin bearer), and Byron Kester Uy (bible bearer).

Secondary sponsors were the groom's sister Grace and the bride's uncle from New York Jeffrey Lopez (candle), Chris' other sister Irene and his cousin Mark Go (veil), and the bride's cousins Stefanie Tong and Oliver Tang (cord).

The dinner reception was held at the Fiesta Pavilion Ballroom of the Manila Hotel. Family, pals and business colleagues flew in from the United States, Japan, Hong Kong and Taiwan.

Billy Daland, the groom's friend from La Salle, led the prayer. The toast was led by Willy Tong (the bride's uncle) and Robert Chan (the groom family's friend). The bride's sister Joan, tenor and soprano Austin Casena, and Jenny Sugay did song numbers. An audio-visual presentation showed pictures of the couple and greetings from family and friends. Instead of throwing her bouquet, the bride handed it, together with a heartwarming message, to her younger sister, Maye.

The highlight of the evening was a special number by *ninong* Jose Mari Chan, who sang the couple's theme song (the first song Chris sung to Jane at IO when he was courting her), "Afraid for Love to Fade" and a song fitting the occasion, "A Love to Last a Lifetime."

STANDING (from left): Mila and Romy Makalintal, Pat Alvarez, bride's mom Myrna Yao and Lolit Sy; (seated) Dr. Ramona Raneses, Alice Miranda, Charing Villar and Tessie Lim

WITH THEIR parents Albert and Myrna Yao and Rosario and Carlos Tiu

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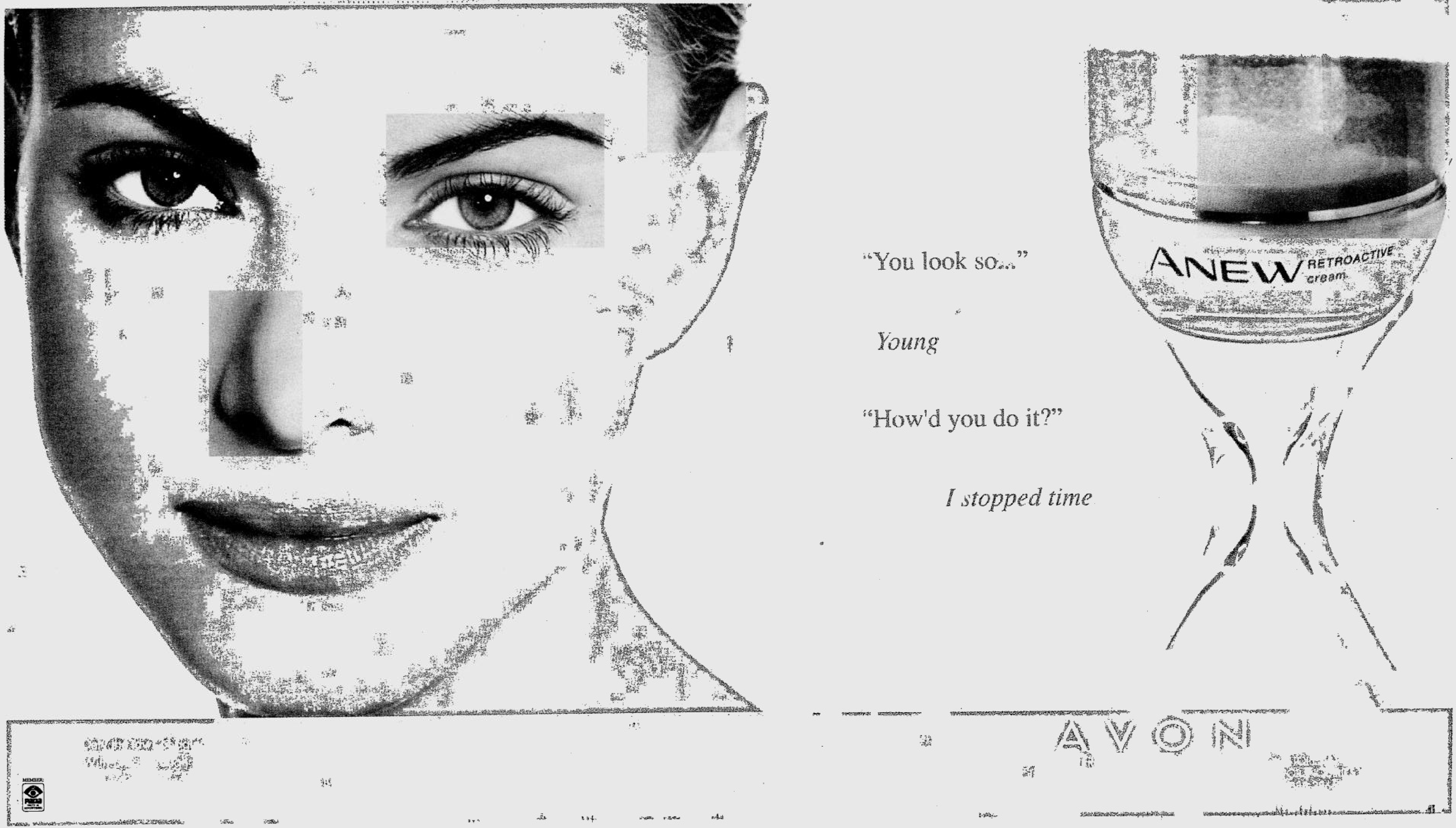
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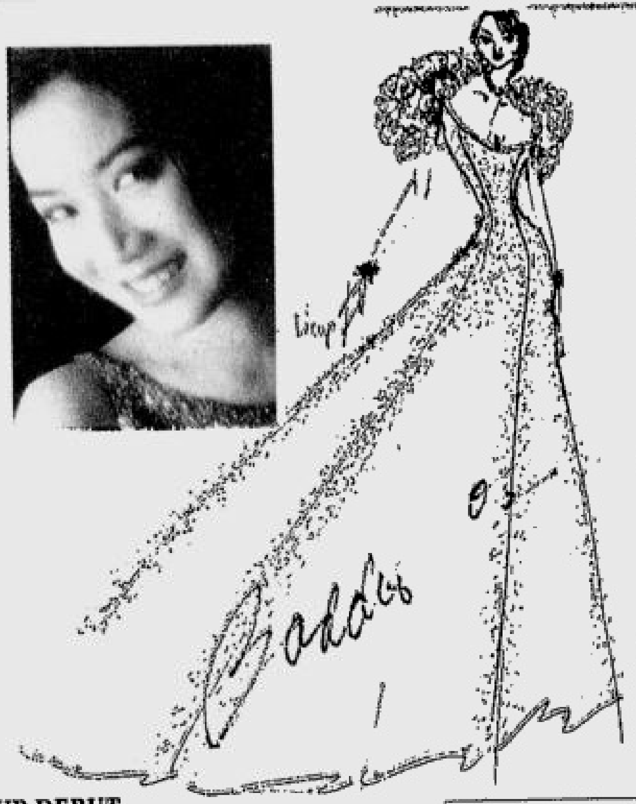

Milestones

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CUA DEBUT

Jane Anne M. Cua, only daughter of **Robert** and **Regina Cua**, celebrated her 18th birthday on Jan. 12 at the Hotel Inter-Continental, Makati City. She wore five different gowns designed by **Reggie**. Jane is a management sophomore at the University of Asia and the Pacific.

GUEVARRA GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Lucio and **Visitacion Guevarra** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a renewal of vows on Feb. 16 at St. Martin Parish Church in Bocaue, Bulacan. Reception followed at De Lour Pavilion, Igulot, Bocaue. The Guevarras are shown with their daughters **Virginia G. Gamboa** and **Emerlita G. Advincula**.

LICUP DEBUT

Cindy S. Licup, daughter of **Henry** and **Roselie Licup**, will celebrate her 18th birthday with a "discorama" theme on March 9 at the Quezon Ballroom, Makati Shangri-La. The presentation will be choreographed and directed by **Ramon L. Burgos**. **Eric Maningat** will do the hair and makeup. Cindy is a BS-HRIM freshman at De La Salle University's College of St. Benilde.

The debutante will wear an **Eddie Baddeo** rose pink off-shoulder princess-cut gown in glossy shantung silk with mauve yarn feathers on the shoulder. The gown is embellished with caviar and glass beads in monochromatic pink and silver.

CALABIA-TOMADA

Erwin Calabia, son of **Elmurito** and **Primitiva Calabia**, exchanged marriage vows with **Maria Cecilia Tomada**, daughter of **Leonilo** and **Zenaida Tomada**, on Jan. 12 at the St. Bartholomew Church, Nagcarlan, Laguna. Reception was held at the Siesta Residencia de Arago, San Pablo City.

WABE-BAUTISTA

Erfe Wabe recently wed **Hannah Bautista**, daughter of **Mario** and **Vicky Bautista**. The bride is a graduate of communications research from the University of the Philippines, while the groom is an engineering graduate from Don Bosco. They are shown with principal sponsor Lipa City Mayor Vilma Santos Recto.

ZABALA-GINGCO

Letecia D. Gingco, daughter of **Zosimo** and **Maura Gingco**, recently married **Narciso Zabala**, son of **Apolinario** and **Nena Zabala**, at the Merida Parish Church, Merida, Leyte. Rev. Fr. **Edgar B. Macalalag** officiated at the ceremonies. Reception was held at the MVS Quad.

The entourage wore creations by Tahee Boutique. **Levine Eugene Dominese Anonat** of Bride's Bestfriend was the wedding coordinator.

DOLLADO-SAMBALILO

Evan Dollado, son of Mr. and Ms **Rodolfo Dollado**, recently tied the knot with **Sheryl Iris Sambalilo**, daughter of Mr. and Ms **Florencio Sambalilo**, at the Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral, Calbayog City. The wedding ceremony was officiated by Fr. **Rodrigo P. San Jose**.

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A chamber concert at 3 p.m. featuring the Bernie Pasamba Music Ensemble enhances the day's celebratory ambience. The 2002 wedding collection of popular fashion icons Rhett Eala and Randy Ortiz will be presented in a gala fashion show at 7 p.m. at the Captain's Bar.

Considered one of the most attended bridal fairs, Mandarin Oriental's grand wedding exhibit offers guests the opportunity to view an actual setup for a wedding reception in its ballroom. A display of the hotel's extensive banquet menus for oriental and western wedding receptions designed by award-winning chefs will make it easier for couples to decide on their choice menu.

Future brides who register during the fair will receive a special bridal directory containing a comprehensive listing of wedding suppliers, and a handy detailed planner to help couples plan for their wedding day.

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The bridal fair is open to the public. Call 819-9679/17 or 750-8888 local 2405, 2214 and 2218.

Milestones

SANTOS-GOSIENGFIAO

Ricky Santos, son of Mr. and Ms **Enrique G. Santos Sr.** and **Melanie Gosiengfiao,** daughter of the late **Mario Gosiengfiao** and Ms **Zenaida Gosiengfiao** will exchange vows on March 9 at the Shrine of Jesus the Way, the Truth and the Life, Pasay City. Reception will follow at the Maynila Ballroom, Manila Hotel.

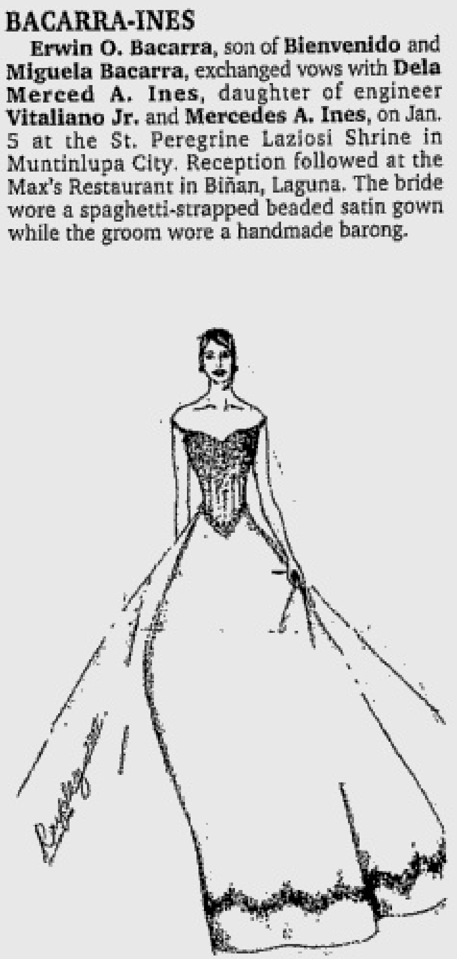
YDIA-AMADOR

Dr. **Benvic C. Ydia**, daughter of engineer **Benjamin** and **Victoria C. Ydia**, exchanged marriage vows with Dr. **Alvin A. Amador**, son of lawyer **Almario** and Dr. **Nicasia A. Amador**, on Dec. 11, 2001 at the San Agustin Church, Intramuros, Manila. Reception was held at the Fiesta Pavilion of The Manila Hotel.

The bride wore an off-shoulder princess-cut gown with ballroom skirt and a detachable cathedral train made of raw silk, and fully beaded with cut-glass beads and rhinestones by **Rollie H. Graza** of Balay Pagdaitan.

BACARRA-INES

Erwin O. Bacarra, son of **Bienvenido** and **Miguela Bacarra**, exchanged vows with **Dela Merced A. Ines**, daughter of engineer **Vitaliano Jr.** and **Mercedes A. Ines**, on Jan. 5 at the St. Peregrine Laziosi Shrine in Muntinlupa City. Reception followed at the Max's Restaurant in Biñan, Laguna. The bride wore a spaghetti-strapped beaded satin gown while the groom wore a handmade barong.



CONANAN-AGUIRRE

Neil Angelo D. Conanan, son of **Angela Conanan**, exchanged marriage vows with **Antonni Amelia Aguirre**, daughter of Ibajay, Aklan Vice Mayor and Ms **Antonio D. Aguirre**, on Jan. 19 at the Shrine of Jesus the Way, the Truth and the Life, Reclamation Area, Pasay City. Reception followed at the Rigodon Ballroom of The Manila Hotel. The bride wore a gown designed by **Reyblas Conanan**, a dramatic ensemble of flowing cotton satin embellished with pearls, beads, Swarovski crystals and rhinestones.

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TRAVEL

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BOATS docked on the beach of Laurel Island

Wind, sand and starfish

Text and photos
by Elizabeth Lolarga

BORACAY was everything that I had expected, and more.

My well-traveled Baguio friend, an amateur anthropologist who likes to poke around in the archipelago's exotic spots and lug home tribal crafts, sniffed when he heard I was headed there. He seemed to imply: Oh, yes, that island playground with a long line of resorts and establishments (240 in all), the latest aqua sports, the throbbing night life, the variety of cuisines (pizza, pasta, *tacos*, *quesadillas*, Bavarian sausages, Caribbean food with authentic ingredients, Argentinean steaks, Korean *chap chae*, continental and Filipino breakfasts, etc.), where you can sip fruit slush from a tall glass, ice-cold beer from a can, wine in a goblet, all of which make you feel like you never left Manila (except that you dumped your stilettos in the city and your bare feet are sinking in the world-famous powdery white sand).

I probably will never sail to the Byzantium in my lifetime. So when the invitation was offered to fly to Caticlan, Aklan, via Asian Spirit and from the port take the 20-minute motorized banca ride to Boracay, I excitedly packed my swimsuit, aqua shoes, rubber slippers, sarong, shorts, cotton tees, batik pajamas, a pair of black jeans and leather slip-ons.

I also dug up a long unworn beaded black top from the back of my closet. The concession to semi-formal wear was for the supposed highlight of our trip—the garden cocktails and dinner marking the inauguration of Pink Patio Resort's extension and new facilities. (That means a state-of-the-art gym, a pool—one of Boracay's biggest, that is not treated with chlorine but with the latest technology comprising cathodes and anodes to kill bacteria—and the island's first, and the country's second, fiberglass textured wall for rock wall climbing.)

From Boat Station No. 1, it's a two-minute walk to the resort located in the interior. We passed through the *pasilyo* between two banks, past the modest bamboo-fenced houses of the locals who have not yet sold their prime property to developers. Free-range chickens pecked away on the grounds.

The members of the resort staff, who came to carry our luggage, were garbed in Hawaiian shirts, shorts and sandals. By the poolside husband-and-wife owners Charles Uy and Raquel "Kelly" Boncan extended their hands in welcome, while another girl—a *wahine* if this were Honolulu—served us cold watermelon juice.

Tony

Experience has taught me that you can only go so far and sooner or later you'll run into someone from your past. This time it was Tony Romualdez, son of editor Enrique ("Pocholo" to the media sector) and an officemate at the martial-law paper Daily Express in the 1970s, smiling at me at the Golden Bamboo, the resort's Chinese restaurant. After the initial greetings, he bent a little and asked softly, "How's Jun Malvar?"

The name brought back memories of the lanky, bug-eyed lad who drove a Beetle. Jun, Tony's classmate from the Ateneo, was my younger sister's college boyfriend and a Sunday-afternoon fixture in our living room.

I confessed that I lost touch with the guy after he and my sis broke up. Tony was taken aback: "So it was your sister? I thought you were his girlfriend!" Much laughter on my part. I updated him on the man I ended up marrying, and we got it all sorted out.

Later on the beach, I watched Tony earnestly study the *dividendazo* and could hardly believe it when, in this unlikely spot, he placed his bets on a late-afternoon horse race in Manila using his cell phone. He disclosed that the first racing cup named after his father would be up for contention sometime in March, with P600,000 as prize.

At a post-luncheon briefing, operations manager Kim Palomero boasted that Boracay has no red-light district despite the nightlife that starts at 11 p.m. and lasts until sunrise. He challenged the teetotalers in the group to try Cocomangas' "15 shooter"—15 different kinds of cocktails (one spiked with Tabasco) that you must finish bottoms up. If you're still on your feet, not retching and keeling over, your name and nationality will be put on the bar's Hall of Fame. I don't know what it says about our people, but Kim said "Filipinos are still leading the pack."

For the real thing in puka-shell souvenirs, Kim advised us to go to Puka Beach. The going rate is P350 for a necklace and P250 for a bracelet. "Always bargain," he said. "Speak in the local language. Say '*Tagpila?*' which means 'How much?' You can get the item for 20-30 percent less."

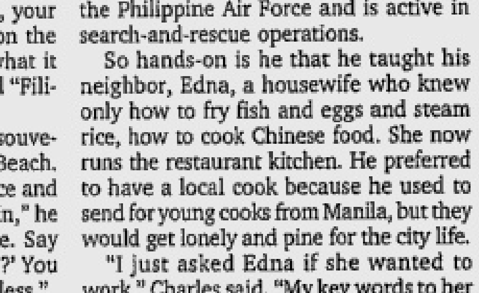
Charles

For most of the week, the resort's "Sir Uy," or Charlie to his peers, is based in Makati where he runs Charlex International Corp., a real estate business. Back in the 1980s, he, Kelly and their sons spent the Christmas and Easter holidays and summers in Boracay because "it's quiet, serene and nice—you're detached from civilization." In 1989, a house standing on 400 square meters of land was offered for sale so he thought of putting up a rest house for his family.

Charles started with six bedrooms, a living room and a kitchen. His friends heard about it, and he let them use it for free until they said they were ashamed of constantly borrowing the place and were willing to pay "a little." He foresaw the tourism boom and bought the adjacent 500-square-meter property and built 10 rooms.

A business administration graduate of De La Salle University, Charles, 54, computed the return of investment, saw the revenue was good, and "started to make this a sideline."

A few months after the 10 rooms were completed, the 2,000-square-meter property in front of his original house was offered for sale. It was a resort that he tore down. In its place he built 27 new rooms, Golden Bamboo and a conference room good for 80-100 people. He also demolished the original house with six rooms and installed 21 rooms, the structure connecting to the 10-room building. (While we were there, construction was still being done. He's aiming for 60 rooms, tops.)



BAUBLES, bangles and beads

Since Charles found himself on the island every weekend, in 1998 he bought a four-seat Cessna and earned a private pilot license. Today he holds the rank of lieutenant colonel in the reserve pool of the Philippine Air Force and is active in search-and-rescue operations.

So hands-on is he that he taught his neighbor, Edna, a housewife who knew only how to fry fish and eggs and steam rice, how to cook Chinese food. She now runs the restaurant kitchen. He preferred to have a local cook because he used to send for young cooks from Manila, but they would get lonely and pine for the city life.

"I just asked Edna if she wanted to work," Charles said. "My key words to her and the other local employees are: 'Just listen and follow instructions carefully.'" He cited Dennis de la Torre, an electrician from Navas, Aklan, whom he had hired. When there were breakdowns in the early years, the mechanically minded Charles would be in Makati sending Dennis detailed instructions on a single-band radio. Dennis proved to be so efficient that he rose to become the resort's chief engineer.

Then there's Mary Joy Amolar from Cotabato City, Kelly's former domestic helper. This petite 19-year-old high school graduate, who aspires to go to college someday, agreed to be trained in a Makati center in Swedish massage and shiatsu. I sought her out after my second activity-filled day (riding the banana boat with seven "super-game" companions, balancing ourselves as the speedboat tugged us and made sharp hairpin turns that caused us to fall into the sea, and after recovering our dignity, taking turns on the jet skis). She ably massaged the cricks out of my body as sleep-inducing music unobtrusively played in the dimly lit room.

The one thing Charles demands from his staff is this: "If you cannot smile, you have no business working for me." He added: "What sets us apart, though we don't have a beachfront location, is we give all the possible amenities to our guests."

Kelly

Another unique element is the garden that Kelly planted to carabao grass, coconut trees, orchids, mountain ferns and common shrubs. If Pink Patio had been located right on the beach whence *habagat* winds come, the lushness would not have been possible.

Kelly is not too worried about the sluggish business that the island is already feeling. "Competition is the best," she declared. "The consumer comes out the winner. Boracay is blessed. It's open all year round unless there's a direct hit by a typhoon. I find it nice that I can share it as it grows. Every time I come here, there's always something new. You can watch the sunset and a slow comet on the beach while drinking wine and nibbling cheese."

She gave a tip: Those staggering back to their lodging places after a night of wassail may detour to Sunrise Lovers, which as the signage claims, is "always open." It serves steaming hot *bulalo* and chili prawns—real waker-uppers.

Kelly recalled the years when regular electricity was still a dream, and her father, former Trade Secretary Raul Boncan, would rent the battery of a truck from Kalibo to run the Rota-aire fan at night. "Everybody would gravitate toward it during the hot months," she said, laughing.

But the market is changing, she noted. Their first resort featured bamboo and *amakan* materials, electric fans and mosquito nets that appealed to the European crowd. When more Filipino tourists started arriving, their first question was inevitably whether an air-conditioner was available. And the next question was: "Is there a heater?"

The most fulfilling part for Kelly, who used to work in the stressful world of advertising, is "seeing people have better lives and children going to school."

"There are no more fishermen in Boracay," she said. "They'd rather be tour guides. From the rent of one banca for five people for some hours, a guide can earn P700. So our fish comes from Malay and Buruanga. Down the line—the *sari-sari* store, the masseuse—they all earn. I think the highest income earners are in the tourism industry because of the tips."

Jonah

Popular with the resort's guests is Jonah Palomata, two-time national and one-time regional Kalakbay awardee for frontliner of the year, who can be seen hopping from table to table or lounging chair to lounging chair, asking, "How's your stay?" (Kalakbay is the Department of Tourism's yearly search for outstanding individuals, establishments and events.)

Jonah started out as waiter-roomboy-jack of all trades when the place was still called Pink Patio Dreamhouse. Now the guest services officer, he said the most challenging words he has heard from visitors are "the last night." They'd tell him, "Jonah, this is our last night. Can you go with us to the disco?" And off he goes to dance the night away. The next day, another batch of guests would make the same request.

He can be funny, too. Whenever tourists complain about the seasonal appearance of the almost luminous, yellow-green algae in the sea or the sand and ask if the government can do something to remove it, his standard answer is "*Ang Diyos ang tanungin ninyo* (Ask God). This is part of the circle of life. It's like asking what Germany will be without winter."

While we were on the boat headed for Laurel Island, Jonah explained that the place was formerly called Tagwatian, or a haven for fishermen in the event of a sudden rain. He described the *kalabkab* (white squall) that, thankfully, rarely occurs: "At first, the waves are flat. Then a dark line approaches, and you head for the nearest shore because in minutes, the waves become as big as a house."

He said he almost lost his mother to such a phenomenon.

Bernard

One day at noon we found ourselves at the end of Boracay's one and only main road, rough and dusty in most parts. Not far from Puka Beach stands Tonton Kamayan Restaurant, an airy *sawali*-and-bamboo structure with sand for a floor in Barangay Yapak. Owned by Bernard Paterna, a wiry, sun-browned fellow who was once a beach cleaner, it specializes in seafood.

Mang Bernard started with a hole in the wall. He did not know how to manage costs and was losing money. Kim of Pink Patio and Leeds Trompeta, sales director of Charlex International Corp. taught him *gratis* how to run a business and suggested the menu.

Today *Mang* Bernard can speak a smattering of Italian. He served us black snapper (known as *aratan* in Aklan), the middle part grilled and the head and fins cooked *sinigang*- style, prawns, fried squid rings, fresh seaweed and coconut juice in the shell. What bliss.

As for the women who sell seashells by the seashore, they told me the names of their wares: chocolate, *gurayan*, mouth, garlic, crazy and tub shells, hematites, mother-of-pearl, corals, cat's eyes, *bunawog*, jade, among so many.

In one souvenir stall, I found blue and orange starfish of various sizes. Ersatz, of course. I fondled the objects, trying to decide whether the material was resin or plastic. It turned out to be wax. Well, this seemed better than upsetting the natural balance of undersea life by harvesting corals, big shells and the like.

The Sunday I returned home, still languorous from that three-day feast of the senses, I decided to wash my aqua shoes. Little clumps of sand flowed with the running water and gathered around the drain of the sink. I fingered the gritty stuff for a few seconds before releasing it down the drain. No, I didn't recite Blake's "Auguries of Innocence." I just let out a contented sigh.

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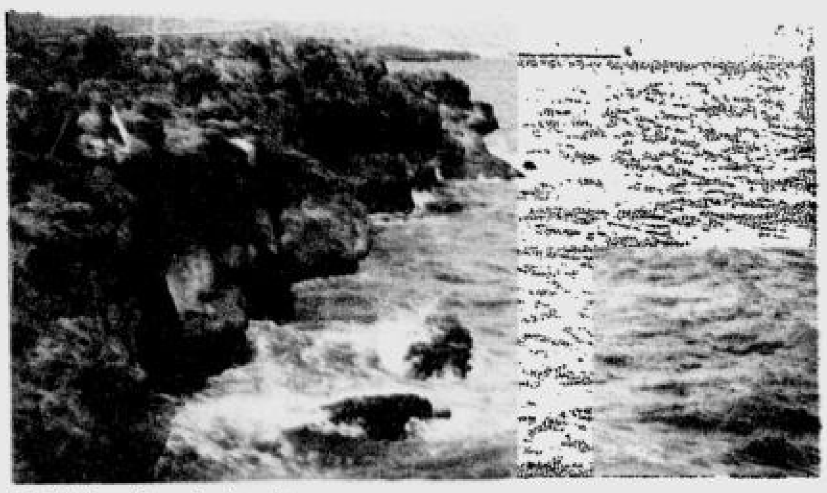


ROUGH surf, ancient rocks

Rajah Tours marks 30 years

CELEBRATING its 30th anniversary last Feb. 26, Rajah Tours Philippines, a member of the Rajah Group of Companies, reiterated its vision that the tourism industry would be the country's No. 1 dollar earner.

According to its president, Alejandra "Dading" Clemente, tourist arrivals will reach the 2.5-3-million mark in the next two or three years, with receipts at an estimated $25 billion, as soon as the Mindanao problem is solved, infrastructure is put in place and the government liberalizes its air policy.

Clemente established Rajah Tours in 1972 mainly as an inbound operator. It started operating by virtue of a decree issued by then President Ferdinand Marcos, and which created the Department of Tourism with the late Jose Aspiras as secretary.

The era of tourism in the country began around that time. Annual foreign tourist arrivals rose from a meager 127,000 to 1.2 million in one year and later to 2 million with the issuance of an executive order allowing the entry of Hong Kong tourists and opening the doors of the Philippines to the Japanese market.

Rajah Tours expanded by leaps and bounds. By 1975, it had acquired five fleets of deluxe air-conditioned coaches; in 1979 it added another 24 units. The original staff of three gradually increased to 200.

Also in 1975, Clemente's husband, the late Jose Clemente Jr., joined her, and Rajah Tours became a conglomerate branching out into outbound airline ticketing, congress and convention management and transportation. It also opened offices in Tokyo and in San Francisco covering North America and Canada.

Because of the burgeoning business, in 1992 the company's four operating departments were spun off into different firms.

The eldest Clemente son, Jojo, is now EVP/GM of Rajah Tours (inbound) and VP/GM of Trans Inter Corp. Rajah Travel Corp. is led by Alice San Juan (EVP) and Lita Ang de Jesus (GM). Aileen Clemente is AVP (marketing) of the Rajah Group of Companies and GM of Rajah Travel (Makati). Marilen Clemente is VP (finance) of the Rajah Group of Companies. Alexander Clemente is marketing director of Rajah Tours International (San Francisco), of which Manolo Relova is GM. Mercedes Cruz, who has been with the company since 1972, is overall controller and EVP (finance). Nadja Trinchera is director of sales and marketing of Rajah Tours.

TOSING Perez, Ana Maria Manguerra and Tita Panopio

DOÑA Concepcion Cuenco Manguerra with her sister Teresita Cuenco Gonzalez (standing) and brother Jesus Cuenco

MAUREEN and Manuel Faelnar, Victoria Manguerra Montilla

CHICKIE Feraren listens to her uncle Major Antonio Gonzalez reminisce about the good old days.

Celebrated Cebu beauty marks birthday

Doña Concepcion Cuenco de Manguerra was queen of the elaborate carnivals

CEBU CEBU

Jaime Picornell

A NUMBER of Cebuanos flew to Manila on Feb. 18 for the 90th birthday celebration of Doña **Concepcion Cuenco de Manguerra**. She is the daughter of erstwhile Senate President **Mariano Jesus Cuenco** (in the 1960s) and the widow of engineer **Mariano Manguerra** whose integrity in road building is proven by various segments of highways in Cebu province which needed little upkeep the past 40 years.

Ms Manguerra has alternated between residences in Cebu and Manila but has been spending more time lately in the capital city for health reasons. She has also found a beautiful property in Laguna where she has built a rest house surrounded by vegetable gardens, fruit trees, a pool fed by a spring, and a flock of chickens that is multiplying so fast she now needs the lot next door.

The birthday party was at La Fontaine of the Mandarin Oriental Hotel, where an exquisite lauriat was served, organized by Doña **Iton**'s (that's how family and friends address her) daughters—**Ana Maria Manguerra** and **Victoria Manguerra Montilla**, widow of the late Ambassador **Eduardo Montilla**.

Well-wishers were led by the celebrator's sister **Teresita Cuenco Gonzalez**, brother **Jesus Cuenco** and granddaughter **Vittoria Montilla**, who brought her schoolmate **Drizzle Muñiz** to regale her grandmother with a beautiful repertoire of songs. Drizzle performs with a band. Although it was her first time to sing a cappella, her performance was marvelous.

Reminiscing

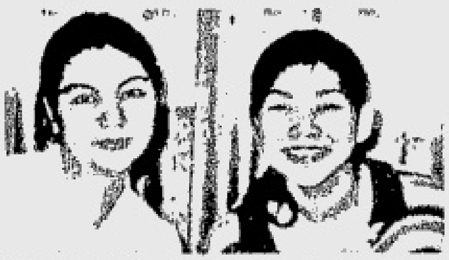
Doña Iton's brother-in-law, Major **Antonio Gonzalez**, was called by niece **Chickie Reyes Feraren** to say a few words before toasts were made. He recalled those days of yore when Doña Iton was a celebrated Cebu beauty, queen of the elaborate carnivals. He also talked about how she brought up her family, imbuing her children with Christian values, when she was widowed at an early age. One might add that Doña Iton has always been a philanthropist, sharing largesse with various charities.

Everyone present could have gotten up to say how she touched their lives in many little ways, so when the flutes filled with bubbling vintage champagne were raised, many of the guests had moist eyes. Among Doña Iton's nephews and nieces were **Len-Len Gonzalez Conejos**, **Jojie** and **Teresita Feraren**, and former Dumaguete City Mayor **Felipe Remollo**.

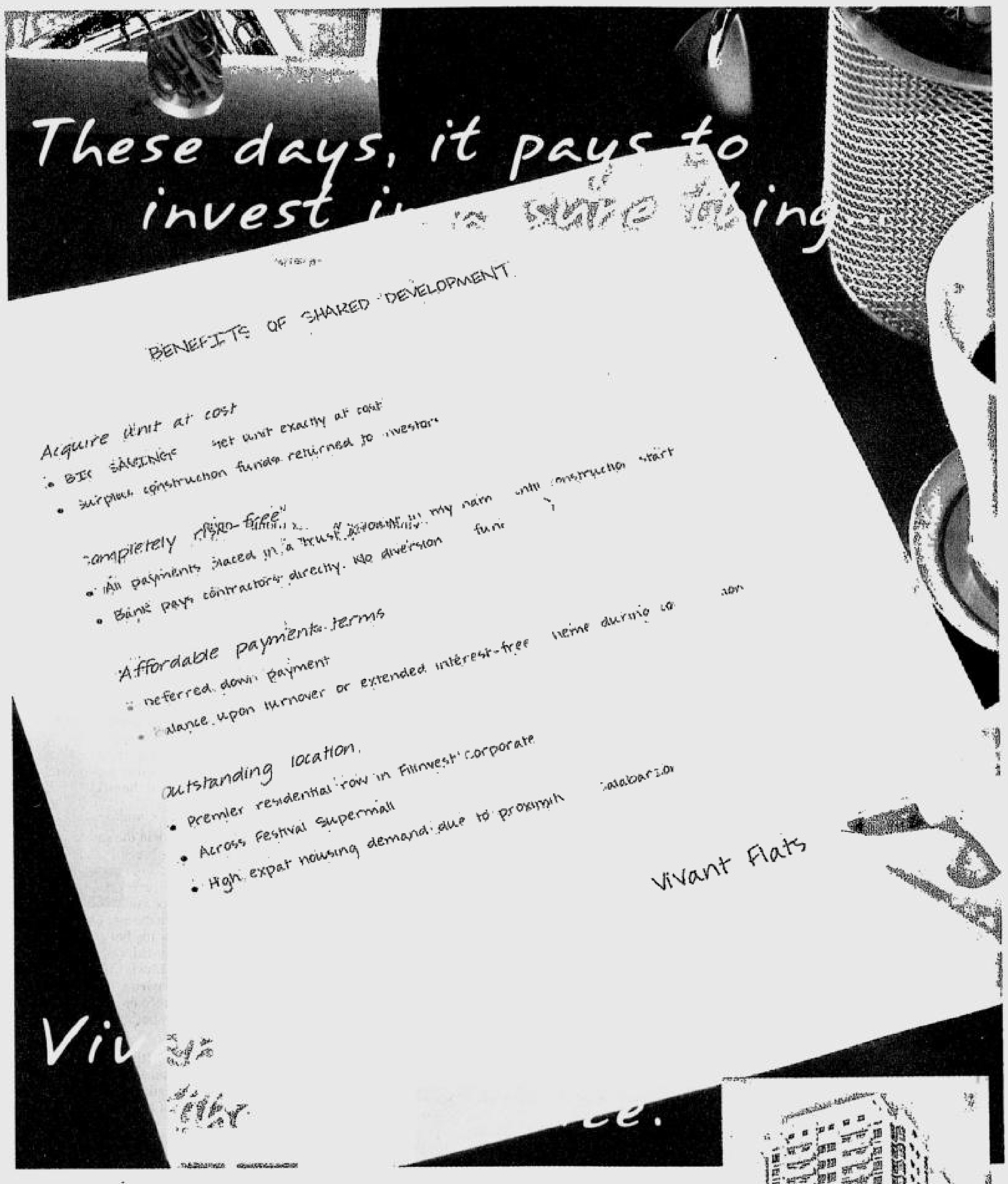
The Cebuanos who flew for the party included **Vic** and **Alice Bathan**, **Rudy** and **Tosing Perez**, **Tita Tomakin Panopio**, **Manuel** and **Milagros Paradela**. They were joined by Cebuanos residing in Manila like **Manuel** and **Maureen Faelnar**, **Kit Ongpin Roxas** and **Prem Jesswani**, who had to go to class (he's a teacher) but left behind several copies of an anthology he did of Asian love poems.

More guests: **Rolf** and **Penny Kleindienst** (nee **Montilla**), **Paquita Montilla Maglaya** with her daughter-in-law **Lucing**, lawyer and Ms **Paul Roldan**, Ambassador **Lolita Haney**, **Encarnita Martinez**, **Lucing Advincula** and **Rowena Wenceslao**, who is invaluable to the Manguerra household. Some of us continued to celebrate on the top floor of the Doña Concepcion building on Pasay Road. Another celebration was held there the next day, with two *lechons* flown from Cebu, and a lot of leftover Freixenet champagne.

Doña Iton has many plans, specially travel, for the future. She'd like to go to Cebu, where her palatial home is efficiently maintained by her daughter Ana Maria (an architect of impeccable taste), to visit the Santo Niño at the Basilica and the miraculous Virgen de Regla in Mactan. She'd also like to go to Madrid, where Ana Maria has an apartment, and make a sidetrip to Zaragoza to visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Pilar, site of the first apparition ever of the Virgin Mary in the year 41 AD.



VITTORIA Montilla and Drizzle Muñiz



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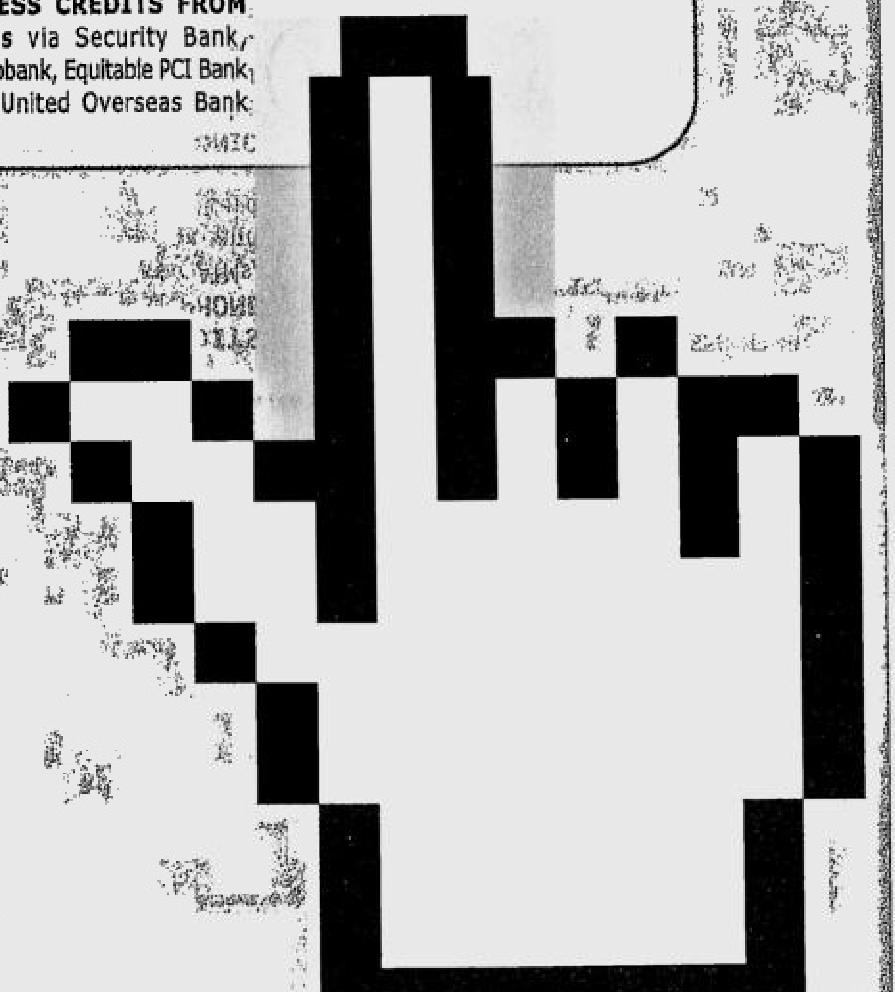

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THE WOMEN'S HEALTH AND SAFE MOTHERHOOD PROJECT -- PARTNERSHIPS COMPONENT,

is a Project of the Government of the Philippines (GOP) with funding support from the European Union (EU)

The Project's Co-Directors are currently seeking a dynamic, motivated and creative individual, to be their:

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Who will

- assist the Co-Directors in the preparation of detailed annual workplans
- Organize, participate and prepare minutes of meetings for all major Project meetings and Project conferences and workshops
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- Screen and prioritize communications and telephone calls and clear all documents and correspondence concerning administrative and technical matters and draft necessary correspondence, for the Co-Directors approval
- Manage the flow of information, and monitor and follow-up of outstanding issues and deadlines
- Conduct research of information and necessary background documentation as required by the Co-Directors
- Handle administrative and logistical arrangement for conferences/seminars/workshops
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- Establish linkages with relevant public and private partner organizations.

Qualifications:

- Candidates must have a Bachelor's degree relevant to the job with a minimum of 3 years relevant experience in a similar function
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Requirements:

- ➢ Comprehensive Resumé/Bio-data with two 2x2 ID pictures
- ➢ Application Letter/Letter of Intent
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ActMedia Phils. Inc. 1101 Centerpoint Bldg.
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CHEMICAL SALES COORDINATOR

- Female, 20-25 years old, single, B.S. Pharmacy, Chem. Eng'g, Biochemistry or any related science course graduate
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- In charge in sales data management
- Previous experience in working with any Chemicals Textile company is an asset

INDUSTRIAL SALES SUPERVISOR

- Male, not more than 35 years of age, graduate of any 4-year Chemistry course
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Who to contact

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The Human Resources Department - Application Code AP
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536 Remedios Street, Malate
Fax No.: 400-9980
Email: rmagdaluyo@pacific.net.ph

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- Must be computer literate
- With good command in English language
- Excellent communication skills

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- Female, single
- Not over 26 years old
- Preferably computer science graduate
- Related experience an advantage
- With good communication skills

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- Female, single, not over 25 years old
- Must be college graduate from a reputable school
- Fluent in English language & good interpersonal skills
- Computer literate

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- Must have strong leadership abilities, good communication skills, flexible and result oriented, must be people's person.
- Female not more than 30 years old.

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- Graduate of Marketing/ Management course, with at least 1 year working experience in Brand Management.
- Computer literate, analytical, creative and self- starter, female not more than 30 years old.

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- Graduate of Marketing/ Management course, with at least 1 year working in retail and manufacturing operations.
- Possess strong leadership and motivational ability, computer literate, female not more than 30 years old.

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- Advertising/ Masscom graduate, highly creative, organized & detailed oriented.
- Preferably with 6 months working experience in field of Advertising. Female , 22-26 years old.

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- With good voice projection and impressive stage presence
- Computer literate, with impressive oral and written communication skills
- Adept with using OHP, multi-medial projector, publication software
- Willing to travel and extend work hours
- Graduate of Communication Arts, Psychology or a Business related course
- Male or female, between 20 to 30 years old

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SALES SPECIALIST-SCIENTIFIC & ANALYTICAL PRODUCTS

Reporting to the Manager for Special Products, the sales specialist will be responsible for the development of specialist gases and high purity gas mixtures sales by acquiring new accounts, assisting and supporting area sales people in selling to prospective accounts, along with training and seminars, both for customers and internal sales force. The person will also handle development of allied products, such as specialist regulators and other equipment related to scientific and analytical laboratory gases application.

Qualifications:

☑ Male, not more than 25 years old
☑ Graduate of BS Chemistry or Engineering course
☑ Fresh graduates will be considered but this position would suit an ambitious laboratory chemist with experience in the use of gas chromatographs and similar machines
☑ Must have a valid driver's license, preferably with at least 2 years driving experience since considerable travel will be involved
☑ Knowledge in computer application (Word, Excel, Power Point)
☑ Energetic, results driven and with excellent communication skills
☑ Effective team player

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Qualifications:

☑ Male, not more than 26 years old
☑ Qualified welder, with at least 2 years experience in MIG (GMAW)
☑ Preferably with skills and knowledge on TIG (GTAW), and gas welding and cutting
☑ Graduate of vocational/technical or engineering course
☑ Must have a valid driver's license, preferably with at least 2 years driving experience
☑ Knowledge in computer application (Word, Excel) would be an advantage
☑ Aggressive and sociable, with good communication skills

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Qualifications:

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☑ At least 1 year experience in Technical and Safety Auditing
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☑ With computer know-how specifically MS Office
☑ Must have above-average communication skills, written and oral
☑ Mature, dependent with high spirit of teamwork
☑ Willing to travel and a holder of valid driver's license, with at least two years of continuous driving experience

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- Willing to travel
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- Male or Female. Between 21 to 27 years old;
- With above average written and oral communication skills;
- Must be computer literate.

• PHILHEALTH OFFICER

- Graduate of B.S. Accountancy. Not more than 35 years of age;
- With one year relevant experience preferably gained in an HMO, Insurance or Pre-need company;
- Must be computer literate.

Qualified and interested applicants are requested to apply personally. Bring resumé, transcript of records and 2x2 photo at: Medicard Phils., Inc.: Human Resources Department - 5/F Sagittarius Bldg., H.V. Dela Costa St., Salcedo Village, Makati City.

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- Can work well under pressure
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Interested applicants may send their resume and recent photo to:

Ms. Jane Mendoza
Powerbooks Specialty Store
918 A. Arnaiz Avenue, Makati City
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128 DREAM FOUNTAIN CORPORATION

Area Sales Supervisor

~ Between 24 to 30 years old
~ Graduate of any business-related course
~ With 2 to 3 years experience in retail operations preferred
~ Can motivate people, with strong leadership and excellent communication skills
~ Excellent analytical skills
~ Must be result oriented
~ Computer literate (Windows Based)

Management Trainee

~ Between 21 to 27 years old
~Graduate of any business-related course
~Must have good communication skills
~ Must be customer oriented
~ Must have initiative; ability and sustained interest in selling
~ preferably with experience on selling fashion apparel and foot wear products
~ Possesses pleasing personality
~ Willing to be assigned anywhere in Metro Manila

Sales Consultant

~ Male/Female
~ At least 2 years in any business related course
~ At least 5'4" for Female and 5'6" for Male
~ Must possess a pleasing personality
~ With good fashion sense, dynamic and creative
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Boutique Supervisor

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~ Must be customer oriented
~ Must have initiative, ability and sustained interest in selling
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~ Must possess a pleasing personality
~ Willing to be assigned anywhere in Metro Manila

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☑ Graduates of Engineering or Business course
☑ With 2 years related work experience
☑ Not more than 30 years old; Preferably single
☑ Very good written and verbal skills
☑ Proficient in computer applications

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

☑ College graduates
☑ With 3 years work experience on the same capacity
☑ Not more than 30 years old
☑ Proficient in computer applications

ACCOUNTING ASSISTANTS

☑ Graduates of Accountancy or its equivalent
☑ Knowledgeable in general accounting principles
☑ With 3 years related work experience
☑ Proficient in computer applications

RECEPTIONISTS

☑ Graduates of Mass Communication or Hotel & Restaurant Management
☑ With 1 year work experience in customer care
☑ Fluent in English
☑ Very pleasing personality
☑ Not more than 26 years old

Due to urgency of need, interested applicants may personally submit fax or e-mail their comprehensive resumé, transcript of records, and recent 2x2 photo not later than **12 March 2002** to:

The Human Resources Management
FPDSavills Philippines, Inc.
Building B, Bonifacio Centre, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City
Fax No. 889-1191
E-mail address: lgo@fpdsavills.com.ph

UCPB Savings, a UCPB Group company, is offering the following career opportunities to highly-motivated individuals:

BRANCH MANAGERS

To spearhead branch marketing efforts in:

- Rizal Avenue (preferably Chinese speaking)
- Makati

Qualifications:

- Proven track record in deposit and loan generation in a banking institution

ACCOUNT OFFICERS

To generate consumer loans, particularly housing and professional loans, as well as solicit business loans eligible for special financing programs of the government.

Qualifications:

- Minimum of two years experience in consumer or specialized lending in a banking institution

TRADER

Responsible for generating fund sources by identifying, developing and maintaining good business relationships with fund investors and users to maintain a minimum quota of corporate accounts

Qualifications:

- Minimum of two years experience in Marketing

CREATIVE ASSISTANT

Responsible for design and lay-out of the bank's advertising materials

Qualifications:

- Preferably Fine Arts graduate
- Knowledgeable in computer softwares such as Photoshop & Illustrator
- Related experience in Marketing/Merchandising design (brochures, newsletters, posters)
- Not over 35 years old

HUMAN RESOURCES ASSISTANT

To handle salary and benefits administration, training and recruitment

Qualifications:

- College graduate, preferably with units in Accounting
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Experience in HR work is an advantage

TELLERS

- Tanay and Morong Rizal

Qualifications:

- Graduate of any business course
- Male or Female, not over 26 years old
- Computer literate, specifically on Windows-based applications
- Preferably single

All candidates must be graduates of Accountancy or any business course, must possess strong leadership qualities and be proficient in oral and written communication.

Qualified applicants may send their resumés to the UCPB Savings Human Resources Department, 4th floor, USB Building, 153 Legazpi St., Legazpi Village, Makati City on or before March 15, 2002. Please indicate the position you are applying for.

UCPB Savings

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The Job:
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The Person.

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What Drives You ★ CALTEX

Caltex is an Equal Opportunities Employer. All information supplied will be treated as strictly confidential for the purpose of selection and recruitment. Only short-listed candidates will be notified; for candidates not selected, we would like to thank you in advance for your interest in a Caltex career. Application letters will be filed for future reference for a maximum of 6 months.

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As CS Assistant, you will be responsible for manning the phone system, assist the CS managers in addressing customer concerns, collect info/data and prepare reports.

To qualify, you must be a graduate of any four-year course, preferably Communications or Marketing, female, at least 21-23 years old. You must be computer literate and possess above-average oral and written English skills. Willing to work on graveyard shift.

Interested parties should apply in person not later than March 15, 2002 to:

The Recruitment Office
2900 Faraday Street
cor. South Superhighway
Makati City
Tel. Nos. : 889-4157 or 843-5593
Fax No. : 843-5593
E-mail : Manila_HRD@inod.com

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COMPTROLLER

As the comptroller of the company, you report to the SVP of Control and Operations Group. while you stir its financial direction, maximize the use of its fiscal resources and sustain its financial operation.

- Experienced in controllership functions involving accounting controls, financial analysis, systems procedures and general internal control.
- Can perform auditing and controlling functions to deal with the company's financial & marketing operations, like in dispensing compensations for sales, etc.
- Can write reports well & review reports critically.
- Can monitor disbursements, recommend procedures or procedural improvements in the cash flow operations of the company.
- Preferably with experience in companies engaged in financial services.
- At least 25 but not more than 45 years old
- BS Accounting degree holder, a CPA

Senior Executive level position, compensation package is open.

ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

Assisting the President in monitoring the company's present status in sales, marketing and support operations, you are tasked to reinforce the President's business plans with apt information and relevant data, strategic marketing forecasts, sound financial programs, and wise counsel to fine-tune the company's operation. The Assistant to the President will also provide administrative and executive assistance to the President.

- Graduate of a 4-year business or finance courses, preferably from a reputable school
- Adept in financial and business management
- Excellent communication skills, both oral and written
- Well versed in records management and office administration
- Willing to travel and work long hours
- Highly proficient in Windows/MS Office
- Male, 30 to 40 years old

Junior to Senior Executive level position, compensation package is open.

GROUP SALES GENERAL MANAGERS

It is your primary duty to organize a group of sales associates and to manage the activities of your group for a profitable operation. Your task is to recruit, develop and motivate a team of 5 to 10 Group Marketing Directors in order to generate the required volume of pre-need sales. You are also responsible for monitoring and facilitating efficient collection of accounts while managing individual, group or institutional sales to meet or surpass the sales quota.

- Very good in organizing and leading a group to deliver required sales production.
- A natural at selling products and services, particularly pre-need and insurance.
- Have drive, energy and enthusiasm as a sales-professional, proactive and creative.
- Have capabilities, expertise and knowledge important to a sales team.
- Have high impact sales pitch and well alled sales team for any product or service.
- Can contribute significantly to the bottom line of the company.
- The company can benefit immensely from your sales expertise.
- Self-driven, highly result oriented and known to excel in marketing.
- Articulate, skilled in dealing with people, with impressive communication skills.
- Male or female, preferably female, even better if with a family team.
- 30-45 years of age: if beyond 45, must have impressive track record in sales.
- Has a network of associates ready to form a marketing organization.
- Must be college graduate, with pleasant personality.

Salary, Over-riding Commissions, Business Development Allowances, Semi-Annual Presidential Performance Bonuses, Transportation and Representation Allowances, and other Sales Incentives.

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Interested applicants are requested to submit their requirements on or before **March 8, 2002.**

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G/F I-Care Building, Dela Rosa corner
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Makati City

A progressive international deep sea fishing company and one of the top 500 Corporations in the Philippines is in need of the following:

Position: **SENIOR SYSTEMS ANALYST/PROGRAMMER**
JUNIOR SYSTEMS ANALYST/PROGRAMMER

Requirements:

1. College graduate
2. Extensive experience in the following:
   - System Design
   - LAN Environment
   - Database Programming, DOS-FOXPRO & Visual Basic
   - Proficiency in MS Office Applications

Salary: Commensurate with ability and track record

This is an urgent requirement. Interested applicants may apply personally at:

Human Resources Dept.
Frabelle Fishing Corporation
1051 North Bay Blvd., Navotas, Metro Manila
Tel. 281-2909

Or: Send Bio-data/credentials to mathy@frabelle.net

A specialty Engineering & Construction Company with industry leaders as clients needs:

MARKETING ENGINEERS

Applicants should have:

- Solid background in sales
- Preferably at least three years experience in sales of Cleanroom and computer room construction materials and equipment
- Good communication & inter-personal skills
- A team player & highly motivated

Successful applicants awaits:

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Interested parties may submit Personal Profile to:

PHIL. SEORA, INC.
Office Address: Suite-21C, 21st Floor,
Rufino Pacific Tower, 6784
Ayala Avenue, Makati City
Telephone Nos. 811-0502 / 811-0504
Contact: **Ms. Morena Abanes** for an interview

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Our client is a highly reputable American company who is a leader in their industry. Currently in the process of expansion, it seeks to hire qualified personnel to be part of the start-up team for its manufacturing operations.

PRODUCTION MANAGER

Hired candidate will be responsible for the start-up and management of plant operations. He is either an Industrial/ Mechanical Engineering graduate or a Management graduate with solid experience in similar operations. Equipped with at least 5 years of industrial manufacturing experience, he must have proven skills in handling managerial responsibilities, is a proactive leader, results-oriented and imbued with a strong sense of responsibility and commitment.

MECHANICAL SUPERVISOR

Qualified candidate will take charge of the machining area (lathes and mills) and overall maintenance of machinery and plant facilities. A Mechanical Engineering degree or its equivalent is desired. He must have at least 2 years experience in machining/maintenance work from an industrial manufacturing operation or maintenance service outfit. He must be hardworking, self-driven, able to communicate well and has had previous supervisory experience.

ELECTRICAL/ QUALITY SUPERVISOR

Hiree will be tasked to handle quality management. An ECE/ Electrical Engineering graduate or its equivalent, he must have at least 2 years experience in handling quality assurance. Highly computer literate, he must be knowledgeable in designing databases and spreadsheets. He has sound leadership ability and is able to interface effectively with people at all levels in the organization.

Successful candidates will be based in Laguna. While not a must, ability to speak Mandarin will be a distinct advantage. Competitive remuneration package and comprehensive training will be provided to hired candidates. Applicants can send/e-mail resumé to:

GEORGE GARRETT GUILFORD & ASSOCIATES
Unit 708, Globe Telecom Plaza,
Pioneer cor. Madison Sts., Mandaluyong City
Telephone Nos.: 635-5297; 638-5326
or 638-5302 loc. 105/108
Fax No.: 633-6122

E-mail address: rpsearch@i-next.net

One of the top 1,000 corporations is in urgent need of:

FINANCIAL ANALYST

- ➢ Bachelor's Degree in Finance or Accounting; CPA; 22-30 years old
- ➢ With outstanding academic credentials and has at least 2 years work experience in financial service companies (corporate finance, banks, investment houses, securities dealers/brokers);
- ➢ With experience in the preparation and analysis of financial statements, cash flow, financial models, and forecasts;
- ➢ Has strong analytical, quantitative, problem solving, and communication skills;
- ➢ Can meet reporting deadlines and ensure accuracy of reported information;
- ➢ Dependable, self-motivated and able to take on responsibility quickly, and can work well in a team environment;
- ➢ Candidate should be proficient in Microsoft Office Suite (advanced Excel skills)

INTERNAL AUDIT HEAD

- ➢ Bachelor's Degree in Finance or Accounting; CPA; 25-35 years old;
- ➢ With outstanding academic credentials and at least 5 years relevant work experience in financial and operations audit of manufacturing/ exporting companies;
- ➢ With strong analytical, quantitative, problem solving, and communication skills;
- ➢ Willing to work long hours, dependable, self-motivated and able to take on responsibility quickly, and to work well in a team environment;
- ➢ Responsibility includes but not limited to supervision of audit staff; review and verification of records, compliance with standards, policies and procedures; inspection of financial or operational information to ensure procedures are correct and appropriate; developing audit procedures and systems;
- ➢ Highly proficient in Microsoft Office Suite

INTERNAL AUDIT STAFF

- ➢ Bachelor's Degree in Finance or Accounting; CPA; 22-30 years old;
- ➢ With outstanding academic credentials and at least 3 years relevant work experience in financial and operations audit of manufacturing/ exporting companies;
- ➢ With strong analytical, quantitative, problem solving, and communication skills;
- ➢ Responsibility includes but not limited to verification of accuracy of records, compliance with standards, policies and procedures; compiles audit findings and recommendations for modifications and improvement to systems and procedures;
- ➢ Highly proficient in Microsoft Office Suite.

Interested applicants are requested to mail their comprehensive resume' with transcript of records and a most recent photograph, NBI Clearance and a letter of recommendation at:

The Human Resource Department
6th Floor One Corporate Plaza Building
845 A. Arnaiz Avenue, Legaspi Village, Makati City
Tel No. 813-65-15 loc. 204
E-mail address: richel@paccohq.com

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SALES/ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE

The Job

Develops new business and provide sales/technical support to existing clients. Handles sales and marketing plans, product presentations and sales proposals.

The Requirements

- Female, 28 to 35 years old
- Must at least have 5 years of sales experience
- Graduate of Architecture, Interior Design or Marketing
- With experience in selling high-end office furniture an advantage
- Excellent communication skills
- Highly motivated, hardworking, honest, dynamic, mature, results-oriented and works well under pressure
- Customer oriented and a strong team player

PRODUCTION ASSISTANT

The Job

Handles administrative work, including man-hour recording, purchasing, inventory, receiving and withdrawal of materials. Production scheduling, product costing, and time study.

The Requirements

- Male/Female, 28 to 35 years old
- Graduate of Industrial Engineering
- Customer service oriented
- Knowledge in full-sizing an advantage
- Hardworking, honest, highly-motivated, results- oriented, and works well under pressure.

RECEPTIONIST/SECRETARY

The Job

Handles administrative and secretarial tasks such as answering telephones, preparation of business correspondences, keeping appointments, typing, filing and record keeping.

The Requirements

- Female, 23 to 30 years old
- Graduate of any 4-year course from a reputable school
- Must have at least two years related work experience
- Articulate, hardworking, honest, highly-motivated, results-oriented
- Organized, has keen eye on details and works well under pressure

Send your comprehensive resume and recent photograph to the Office Manager, OFS Furniture Inc. G/F State Condominium 1 Bldg., 186 Salcedo St. Legaspi Village, Makati City or email at ealarcon@ofsols.com. We will respond only to qualified applicants.

ENKEI

A QS 9000 Certified Japanese export manufacturing company of aluminum wheel is in need of the following:

CASTING SUPERVISOR

- Engineering graduate
- With at least 2 years experience in Basic Casting Technology
- Computer literate, can work long hours and work under pressure
- Male, not more than 38 years old

CASTING FOREMAN

- Trade school or vocational graduate
- With at least 2 years experience in Basic Casting Technology
- Computer literate, hardworking and willing to work on shifts
- Male, not more than 33 years old

ADMINISTRATION SUPERVISOR

- Graduate of four year course preferably Business Management, Industrial Engineering
- With at least 2 years supervisory experience in related fields
- Familiar with labor laws, BID procedures, building maintenance, security operations, dispatching and maintenance of vehicles
- With driver's license and willing to work long hours
- Male, not more than 35 years old

Interested party are advised to apply in person with their updated resumé, 2x2 photo, and transcript of records to:

ENKEI PHILS. INC.
104 Industry Drive, Carmelray Industrial Park
Canlubang, Calamba, Laguna
(049) 549-0161-62
or
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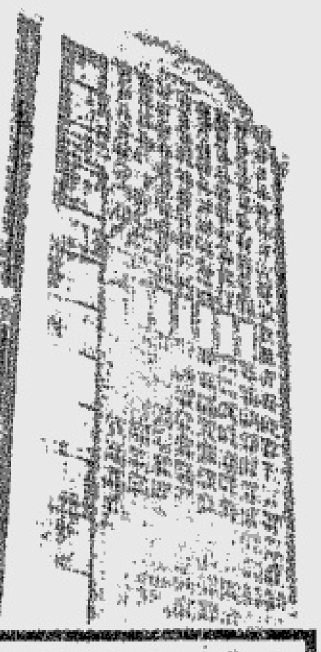

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- ➢ 23 to 35 years old
- ➢ a college graduate with impressive scholastic standing from a first-rate school
- ➢ has excellent written and oral communication skills
- ➢ confident, ambitious, resourceful, assertive, competitive, and success-driven
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- ➢ available for immediate hiring
- ➢ experience in real estate with an established client base preferred

Successful applicants will market ALI's large portfolio of high-quality upscale properties and enjoy an above industry-standard compensation package which includes allowances and commissions, performance incentives and bonuses. All these plus year-round professional training designed to maximize your personal potentials. Consider a career with the country's largest diversified real estate developer. Apply now!

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Ayala Land Sales, Inc.
2nd Floor Tower 1
Ayala Triangle
Ayala Ave., Makati City

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FOR IMMEDIATE HIRING

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ANALYST (Code: APA)

- ➢ Accounting graduate
- ➢ With solid accounting experience in medium to large manufacturing firm
- ➢ Familiar with BIR regulations
- ➢ Computer literate
- ➢ Honest, analytical and systematic
- ➢ Willing to work long hours
- ➢ Can work with minimum supervision

AUDIT STAFF (Code: AS)

- ➢ Accounting graduate
- ➢ With solid auditing experience in medium to large manufacturing firm
- ➢ Honest, analytical and systematic
- ➢ Willing to work long hours
- ➢ Can work with minimum supervision

PREPRESS PRODUCTION SPECIALIST (Code: PPS)

- ➢ College graduate with background in computers and/or fine arts
- ➢ Familiar with Macintosh/PC environments and Local Area Networks
- ➢ Familiar with graphics applications (PageMaker, CorelDraw, Freehand, Photoshop)
- ➢ Previous experience in a digital prepress environment an advantage (PostScript image setting, File Preflight)

PREPRESS STAFF (Code: PS)

- ➢ Male
- ➢ Graduate of Computer Science/Engineering, ECE
- ➢ Familiar with Macintosh/PC environments

Mail resumé with recent 2x2 picture to:

HRD (Code: ____________)
FEP Printing Corporation
Louie R. Prieto Press Building
Mascardo Street near corner Pasong Tamo, Makati City
znavarro@fep.ph

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Is currently in need of qualified personnel to fill the position of:

MARKETING SUPERVISOR

Qualifications:

- Male/Female
- With at least 2 years work experience
- To handle Marketing and Promotional activities
- Salary commensurate to experience and ability
- Organized with good communication skills
- Results-oriented can work under pressure & can meet deadlines

SALES SUPPORT ASSISTANT

Qualifications:

- Female not older than 26 years old
- Graduate of 4-year business course
- Knowledgeable in computer applications
- With work experience a plus, can work under pressure
- Responsible, organized and articulate

All interested applicants should submit in person a 2x2 picture, resumé, NBI clearance and transcript of records to:

EXCELLENCE APPLIANCE TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
24 D. TUAZON ST., QUEZON CITY
Tel. No. 7320429
(between 9-11AM only, previous applicants need not apply)

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(2) SALES EXECUTIVES/ACCOUNT OFFICERS. Male or Female, not more than 30 years old; At least with 2 years in Sales & Marketing of Electrical and Hardware Supplies. Conversant in English and Chinese is an advantage. Aggressive, Resourceful and can work independently.

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(1) 2x2 Picture; (2) Resumé; (3) Transcript of Records; and (4) Employment Certificate from previous job.

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- Must be an Accounting Graduate
- Computer literate
- Must have an experience on credit & collection
- Hardworking and willing to work long hours

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- Male, 25 to 30 years old
- Graduate of a 4-year Course
- Computer literate
- Hardworking and willing to work long hours
- Good communication skills both written & oral
- One to two years experience as customer service

DOCUMENTATION CLERK

- Male, 25 to 30 years old
- Graduate of a 4-year Course
- Computer literate
- Hardworking and willing to work long hours
- Good communication skills both written & oral

APPLICANTS MAY SEND THEIR COMPREHENSIVE RESUMÉ WITH PICTURE TO:

THE PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT
G/F DOÑA POTENCIANA BUILDING
#1195-C PASONG TAMO COR. YAKAL STS.
MAKATI CITY, 1200

OR SEND THRU OUR E-MAIL ADDRESS:
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As we become bigger and more competitive, the quality of our people is the key to our success. In making this a reality, we are urgently seeking for a high caliber, dynamic and exemplary individual who would assume the position of:

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY

(Technical and Development Department)

Responsibilities:

Our candidate is responsible for (1) providing quality administrative support to the Technical and Development Head for the smooth implementation of the Department's plan to ensure the achievement of management objectives; (2) assisting the Product Development and Product Stewardship Officers and Registration Manager in all their administrative and training support needs; and (3) coordinating and ensuring proper implementation of the department's projects and action programs.

Qualification:

- Female, not over 30 years old
- A graduate of any Life Science or Agriculture course from reputable university
- Equipped with at least (2) years experience in general administrative work with strong background on document handling and management
- Possesses excellent communication and analytical skills
- A good team player—effective in inter- and intra-departmental coordination
- Proficient in MS Office and other computer applications.

A rewarding and competitive compensation and benefits package await the successful candidate. Interested parties may send their credentials not later than February 28, 2002 to:

The Human Resource Department
9/F Salcedo Towers, 169 HV Dela Costa Street
Salcedo Village, Makati City

Or email at **team.hr@syngenta.com**
You can also call us through **843-5121** local **7255** or fax us at **817-9862.**

IMMEDIATE HIRING

SERVICE MANAGER

A reputable, growth-oriented service Company invites highly motivated, assertive, and result-oriented candidates with the following qualifications:

- ➢ Male, 40 years old and above
- ➢ Engineering graduate
- ➢ Licensed Mechanical Engineer would be an advantage
- ➢ Must have at least 3 years experience with a cleaning company or in hotel housekeeping
- ➢ With excellent interpersonal skills and proven leadership qualities
- ➢ Accomplished in both written and verbal communication
- ➢ Computer literate

Attractive compensation package awaits the successful candidate.

Please send your resumé with a recent photo to:

Box KA-014-02 CS
c/o Philippine Daily Inquirer
Classified Ads Division
G/F Trinity Building, #636 T.M. Kalaw Street
Ermita, Manila
E-mail: jm1@inquirer.com.ph
Subject: CS

AsianLink Supply Pte Ltd is an established international service company providing products, services and solutions to the marine, power and industrial sectors in the ASEAN region Due to our aggressive growth, we are looking for highly motivated results driven individuals for the following urgent positions:

Business Development Manager/s

You will be responsible in developing new accounts/businesses and meet sales revenue targets.

- Degree in Engineering, (preferably Mechanical/Marine), or Business or related discipline
- Proven track record of meeting revenue targets
- 3-5 years proven experience in the above industries in technical sales position
- Working exp./knowledge of mechanical machinery/equipment, instrumentation, etc.
- Good interpersonal skills and team player

Sales Engineers

You will be responsible in developing new customers as well as maintaining existing accounts and meet new targets.

- Degree in Engineering, (preferably Mechanical/Marine), or Business or related discipline
- Proven track record of meeting revenue targets
- At least 3 years proven experience in the above industries in technical sales position
- Working exp./knowledge of mechanical machinery/equipment, instrumentation, etc.
- Good interpersonal skills and team player

We are giving performance based compensation. To apply, please e-mail your resumé stating your current and expected compensation package and contact details to the HR Department, AsianLink Supply Pte Ltd. E-mail: nicksor@singnet.com.sg or bongboat@pacific.net.ph.
Fax No. 262-0439

GK CORPORATE FASHION (HK) LTD.

IS IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL:

1) **Marketing Staff** to do worldwide marketing for corporate wear via Internet, Fax, E-mail

Qualifications:

- Candidates must possess excellent correspondence skills, fluency in spoken and written English, preferred ages 24-26 years old, computer literate, female, single. Minimum 3 years work experience in doing above mentioned duties.
- Graduate of top universities preferred. Must be willing to be assigned overseas, fluency in Mandarin will be an advantage but is not necessary.

2) **English Major** to teach proper English grammar and pronunciation.

Possessing the same qualifications above.

Submit your resumé with photo through e-mail at:
hr@gkfashion.com.hk

We at Authentic American Apparel, Inc., the Philippine Licensee of H.D. Lee Company, Inc., maker of renowned Lee Jeans, are looking for motivated people to fill our team of creative minds.

PRINTING TECHNICAL ARTIST

graduate of fine arts or architecture
male or female; 21 - 26 years old
must be creative, self-motivated and a team player
experience in screen printing industry is an advantage
knowledgeable in adobe photoshop, illustrator, corel and other graphic software

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

graduate of any business-related course
female, not more than 35 years old
with at least 3 years experience doing administrative and secretarial work
has excellent written and verbal communication skills
knowledgeable in ms office and use of internet
has pleasing personality

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If YOU believe that YOU are qualified, send your resume, transcript of records and recent 2x2 photo to:

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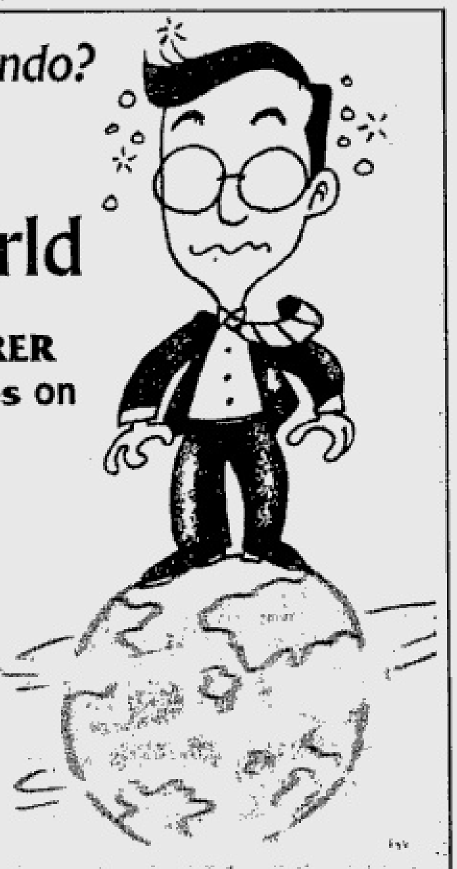

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Vivienne Tan

A Mind of Her Own

It's not easy being Vivienne Tan and moving in the shadow of her father, controversial taipan Lucio Tan. But the woman who describes herself as her "parents' headache" has managed to carve a niche all her own—as an outspoken advocate, a passionate educator and a closet romantic

By Pennie Azarcon-dela Cruz
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A MAN in a woman's body. A tiger in the Chinese community. Lucio Tan's hatchet woman. Her father's daughter.

Vivienne Tan's reputation definitely precedes her. Past 30, slim and delicate as Dresden China, the sixth daughter of tycoon Lucio Tan pays dearly for her blood ties. The elder Tan has been irredeemably tarred by his crony association with former President Joseph Estrada, his business stock weighed down by the endless troubles that have all but grounded his flagship company, Philippine Air Lines.

Do people ever forget that she is Lucio Tan's daughter? "I don't think so," says Vivienne cautiously. True, it can open some doors, she admits, just as quickly as it can close others. "It's like a gate pass; it's either yes or no. At least I know where I stand."

And it's another story once she gets in, she adds. "They don't look at me as a privileged daughter, just as Vivienne Tan, someone who wants to talk to them, and why is that? So I've got to deliver."

But she refuses to let her father's stature cast a shadow over her life, says Vivienne. "Well, my father will always be my father. He will always be a part of me whether I like it or not and that's it, that's my world."

Some things she's stuck with, though. People always identify her with her father's politics, she rues. "The bad part is, I know exactly what I believe in but I don't know about my father, and I'm not the type of person who will ask him," says Vivienne. "What I'm saying is, don't close the door on me. I might believe in your cause but I cannot take my father along. Leave him out of this. Everyone is entitled to their own beliefs, plus not everyone *naman* takes a stand all the time. Sometimes I'm asked on certain issues and I just say no comment because being away for so long, I don't really know what transpired all this time. But some pople, when I say that, they think, 'Aaahh, maybe it's because her father thinks this way or that). It's kind of hard, because sometimes I don't really know enough to be able to say 'yes' or 'no' categorically."

Then there are those who see Vivienne mainly as heir to one of the country's wealthiest industrialists. "I've always been cast as a fundraiser, as a source of funds," she sighs.

"People expect me to buy a lot, indulge in luxuries, not to work as hard. But when I need to get things done fast, I'd rather do it myself, even if it's a clerical-level job." True, adds Joel Santos, an old friend and managing director of the Thames International Business School of which Vivienne is president/CEO.

"When we were just starting the school three years ago, we were only five, and a lot of things had to be done," Joel recalls. "She did the encoding herself, simply because she could type the fastest."

But the no-fuss, no-frills Vivienne doesn't go down easy on some folks, she admits. "People are shocked when I go out with others who they think are out of my social circle. I remember when I just came back from abroad and started working for my father at PAL. I wanted to have lunch with the managers and they go, '*Ha?* But we're only going to Jollibee. *Dyan lang sa tabi-tabi.* And you know, we're only going to walk. Fine, I say, I've got legs.' And they go, 'Are you sure?' I mean, what's the big deal? I stayed in the States for 10 years and there we were all equal. I'm used to it."

Back in college, Vivienne recalls, one either has to work or subsist on a meager allowance from home. She opted to work in her second year, taking on computer-related jobs, becoming a math tutor, doing secretarial and other temp jobs, and earning enough to return her father's Mercedes Benz gift on her 18th birthday, in favor of a Chevrolet she bought with her own savings. So she is no stranger to hard work, a trait she brought home to PAL. "I'd go to work early. I'd be there by 7, 7:30 in the morning and the employees were surprised. For them a boss goes in at 11 or 12. So they go, 'It's only 7:30.' Yah, I say, it's sunrise, it's morning, let's work."

Ironically, her work habits rubbed some people at PAL the wrong way, leading to rumors that she was eased out of the airline because she came on too strong and too stern, and acted as her father's hatchet woman.

That last description she finds "funny and a bit ironic." How could she be this powerful hatchet woman and still be eased out? she wonders. "In all honesty, given that PAL was a former government company, I had a hard time adjusting to their corporate culture," says Vivienne. "I was used to an environment where new ideas and changes were encouraged. Unfortunately, this was not the case with PAL at that time. There were a lot of disagreements between me and the old guard. And I don't back down when I really believe in something. I would never compromise certain principles and values.

"After a while, it was becoming a futile exercise. It was clear to me that you couldn't teach old dogs new tricks. To preserve the peace, I left. In the end, some of the changes I wanted to initiate were actually implemented. I guess I was just a little bit ahead of my time.

"And you know what? Things really happen for a reason. I am very happy with what I am doing now. I cannot begin to describe my fulfillment at seeing young people transform into better individuals in such a short time."

The idealistic streak led Vivienne into espousing causes that could have gotten her father in trouble with the Estrada administration. She was a member of a forum that called for Estrada's resignation and is a signatory to the Katotohanan group against a narco future—associations flagrantly displayed on the Internet. Does her father know?

"Yes, he knows," says Vivienne. "He would ask, is it true? And I would say, yah—and then, nothing."

She's more independent in her views, she adds. "I run a school and there's such a thing as leadership by example. If you believe something is harmful or if you can contribute something for the greater good, you must speak out. And I would like my students, the Thames students, to be able to take a stand for what they believe in. *Ayoko nung* attitude *na* 'I don't want to get involved.'"

Standing up for the Filipinos' chance to become globally competitive in business spurred her to put up the Thames International Business School in 1999, says Vivienne. Pooling their funds together, she and some longtime friends decided to put up a business school that would offer local high school graduates a foreign college degree and international exposure in universities abroad.

Says Joel: "In a global environment, the next generation of business students should have actual global prospective. Your competitors are not only Filipinos anymore, it's everybody. If your views are limited

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The Artist Abroad

By Luis H. Francia

The Presence of Absence, The Absence of Presence

(Conclusion)

ONE OF THE MORE enduring and pervasive presences in our lives that is always brought home to me each time I visit is the Catholic Church. I don't think I'll get much flak were I to argue, as have so many others since colonial times (most notably, of course, and in unparalleled manner, José Rizal), for the elimination of such qualities of contemporary Philippine society as neocolonialism and semifeudalism—those that render us Filipinos miseducated, to use Renato Constantino's devastatingly accurate term. Aren't we all for a society both egalitarian and proud of being Filipino? Don't we wish everyone had enough to eat and the opportunity to improve their lives?

Criticize the church in the archipelago, however, and you are sure to get an earful, though the days of being shot at dawn or garroted publicly are over. Mind you, I have nothing against the idea of a church, certainly not against faith, which is, and should remain, a private affair. What bothers me is the institutionalized hierarchy that exists, more interested in maintaining the status quo than changing it. What bothers me, is its inability to listen to grassroots voices; its continuing practice, developed over four centuries, of speaking on high, to replace doubt with dogma, which of course precludes critical thinking. If a high church official issues an official statement, then it must be so. Yet, what makes an institution and a society vibrant and self-renewing is the capacity to have room for dissent, for a plurality of voices and views, the space to tackle sacred cows, even if they wear a cleric's robes or an elected politician's expensive *barong* or suit.

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During the last week of my visit, Cardinal Sin, ever the politician, declared that Edsa Dos was God speaking through the people. It made me pause over my cup of *barako*. I wondered, how does he know that? Does being a cardinal mean being closer to heaven than if you were a poor wretch? Such a pronouncement is clearly a way for the local church leadership to arrogate unto itself credit for what was a decidedly secular movement, as it did in 1986, after the wildly successful and improbable overthrow of the Marcoses, which would have occurred with or without the church's imprimatur—the same church that, by the way, played palsy walsy with the Marcoses for most of their benighted rule. And when exactly does the deity deign to speak to us? Since the very notion of God-omnipotent, omniscient implies nothing ever happens without His or Her will, it makes sense to view everything around us then as God speaking. This must surely include the terrible as well as the wonderful, the malignant as well as the benevolent. It must include the homeless scrounging for their next meal as well as well-fed schoolchildren attended to by their *yayas*, the jeepney driver inhaling all those toxic fumes so he can feed his family, as well as the corrupt fat cats and the warlords who make a mockery of our political system. All the different events and national practices and history that make up the body Philippine—that would be God speaking, wouldn't it? And what might He or She be saying? Surely something far more complex and dark than the good cardinal envisions.

The other presence that bothered me greatly was the reappearance, after almost a decade, of US troops on Philippine soil. Obviously a propaganda ploy on the part of the Bush administration to bolster its claims in its war against terrorism as well as to establish once again their military dominance in the region, their presence also serves as leverage for President Arroyo to get military and economic aid from the US. Ever the supplicant of Washington, Malacañang betrays a lack of political will, and insults not just the Philippine military (though the current mess with the Abu Sayyaf is largely its doing) but the country as well. If in its approach to the situation in Basilan the government is unable to exercise political will, why should it do better in other areas that demand a more layered and nuanced understanding? Is this the deity's way of saying, through our public officials, that we can't handle our problems by ourselves? Oddly enough, the colonizers, whether Spanish or American, said such things to justify their occupation and exploitation of the country. Were they right, after all?

The Word

By Fr. Ruben J. Villote

The Samaritans Among Us

When we get to heaven, we'll get the surprise of our life when we see there those we had labeled "Samaritans" in this life, while those we expected most certainly to be there will be conspicuously absent!

"... the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. The true worshippers then will worship the Father in Spirit and truth." John 4:21-24

In Jesus' time, the Samaritans belonged to an ethnic-religious movement independent of, and at odds with, the Jerusalem temple. They came from the northern tribes of Israel and had split from the rest of the nation during King David's reign. The cultic center of the Samaritans was Mount Gerizim. Samaritans were apostates from the Jewish religion. Samaria was legally and ritually off limits to law-abiding Jews, and fraternizing with Samaritans was, to pious Jews, a mortal sin in those days. A rabbinical text states that "one who eats the food of Samaritans is eating the food of swine." The Samaritans therefore were believed to be the "epitome of monumental corruption."

During the time of Hitler, it was the Jews who were treated like the "Samaritans" ("inferior race," or Gentiles) by the Nazis. Hitler exterminated six million of them during the Great Holocaust.

During the Ku Klux Klan days after the American Civil War in the southern states, it was the whites who treated the blacks like Samaritans, chasing them like swine and calling them "pagans."

The word, Samaritan, therefore, seems to indicate one who is a victim of a fanatical religious, political or ethnic prejudice—perhaps even today.

But Jesus of the Gospels surprises us with his unprejudiced, open-minded and compassionate attitude towards the Samaritan. The surprise of the parable of Jesus in Lk. 10:25-37 is that the "good neighbor" turns out to be a Samaritan. Remember the healed leper in Lk. 17:11-19 who came back to thank Jesus? He was a Samaritan. The woman in Jn. 4 who seemed to have immensely enjoyed her "love talk" with Jesus at Jacob's Well was also a Samaritan.

That's why the Scribes and Pharisees, and the conventional holy Jews at that time were scandalized by this Man Jesus who was teaching and doing exactly the opposite of what the "learned" and the "holy" men in the Temple were teaching and doing according to the books. Today, these "books" are our theology books and canon law books, our Catholic traditions and liturgies. The so-called fundamentalist Born Again Christians, the Bible Christians and INC Christians also have their own books and church laws, traditions and liturgies. Even our brother Muslims also have their Koran and their traditions and liturgies. All of them speak of God's Kingdom and preach love, unity and peace. But watch them treat one another as Samaritans. A favorite practice of the churches is to set up criteria for deciding who is in and who is out in the Kingdom of God. And once decided, it is easy to zone out the Samaritans by treating them like lepers and calling them swine, pagans and damned. I have experienced being called such bad names by anti-Catholic Christian ministers of the Word.

The kingdom preached by Jesus is not a kingdom composed only of "insiders" and "registered members." For example, the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Lk. 10:30-35) is a kingdom without boundaries. Jesus in the Gospels was often seen eating, drinking and conversing with publicans, tax collectors, Gentiles, prostitutes, lepers and the poorest of the poor who, in those days, were considered by the law as ritually unclean.

The kingdom of God is not a place like Mount Gerizim or the Temple in Jerusalem, nor is it this church or that church. The kingdom, Jesus says, is in the hearts of those who love God and who prove it by loving even the obnoxiously unlovable Samaritans among us. When we get to heaven someday, as the song goes, we'll get the surprise of our life when we see there those we had labeled "Samaritans" in this life, while those we expected most certainly to be there will be conspicuously absent!

The Samaritan woman at Jacob's well, of course, will be there along with the other Samaritans in the parables of Jesus, and the rest of the "good Samaritans" among us today.

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The Cover Image Taipan's daughter Vivienne Tan is charting a course truly her own as an educator
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EMI on Martin

THIS is EMI's official stand in connection with the article "Martin Nievera, Unfluffed" by Mr. Eric Caruncho (**SIM**, 3 February 2002). In the said article, Mr. Nievera was quoted as having said, among other things: "I think Diane Warren is both surprised and pissed off. Pissed off because she didn't get the credit, surprised because an old song of hers was redone. I would think that would be a compliment to any composer—to have the life of a song continued. But I feel I'm a big name now—I have a Diane Warren song!"

On behalf of Ms. Diane Warren, and the EMI Music Group, we would like to express our extreme displeasure over the statements made by Mr. Nievera in the said article. We believe that the undesirable comments directed at Diane Warren were unfair, unjustifiable and definitely uncalled for, considering that we have been very patient with both Mr. Nievera and MCA, giving them every benefit of the doubt and being careful not to add fuel to anti-Martin sentiments, so as not to confuse the issues between our companies..

Contrary to the statements in the article, it was not just the lack of composer credits and the fact that Mr. Nievera just "add(ed) a connecting line" in the refrain that were legally objectionable about Mr. Nievera's version of "We Don't Know How To Say Goodbye." He actually changed the meaning of the entire song, and changed the words a bit to give the song a more hopeful ending which he felt to be more appropriate to his own style.

Mr. Nievera also shortened the title of the song to "To Say Goodbye" and then for some reason, the composer credits were omitted on the label of the album. To add insult to injury, the video of the infringing version, "To Say Goodbye" was included in the bonus VCD of the follow-up album, "More Souvenirs."

It is also not true that the matter was put to rest by the reprinting of the labels to reflect the correct title and composer of the song. "Realsongs never consented to Mr. Nievera's creation of an alternative version of the song. In fact, Realsongs, through its representative in Hong Kong, warned Mr. Nievera's record label against releasing the CD without prior approval for the new lyrics well prior to the release of the CD, but the label and Mr. Nievera opted to release the CD nonetheless," writes Atty. Laurie Soriano of Mannatt, Phelps, and Phillips, Ms. Warren's lawyers in the United States.

Thus, our demand was for the pullout of the infringing copies, meaning that they could go not go on selling copies of the infringing album unless they removed the questionable track. "Contrary to statements by Mr. Nievera, it is not a 'compliment' to a songwriter to have someone take liberties with her work. In fact, this practice is a violation of the songwriter's legal rights and it arrogantly overlooks the integrity of the original song as an artistic work," Ms. Warren's lawyer further stated.

As of press time, Verje Music Publishing Inc., EMI's representative in the Philippines, has already withdrawn from any further negotiation with Mr. Nievera's record company, MCA Universal. In the meantime, Ms. Warren and her company, Realsongs, are considering all of their options, including the pursuit of litigation against Mr. Nievera and his record company in connection with their conduct.

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Little Lives

By Cathy Babao-Guballa

Mega Yaya

For the Megastar's most loyal retainer, life is full of Sharon's hugs, gifts, tears and trust

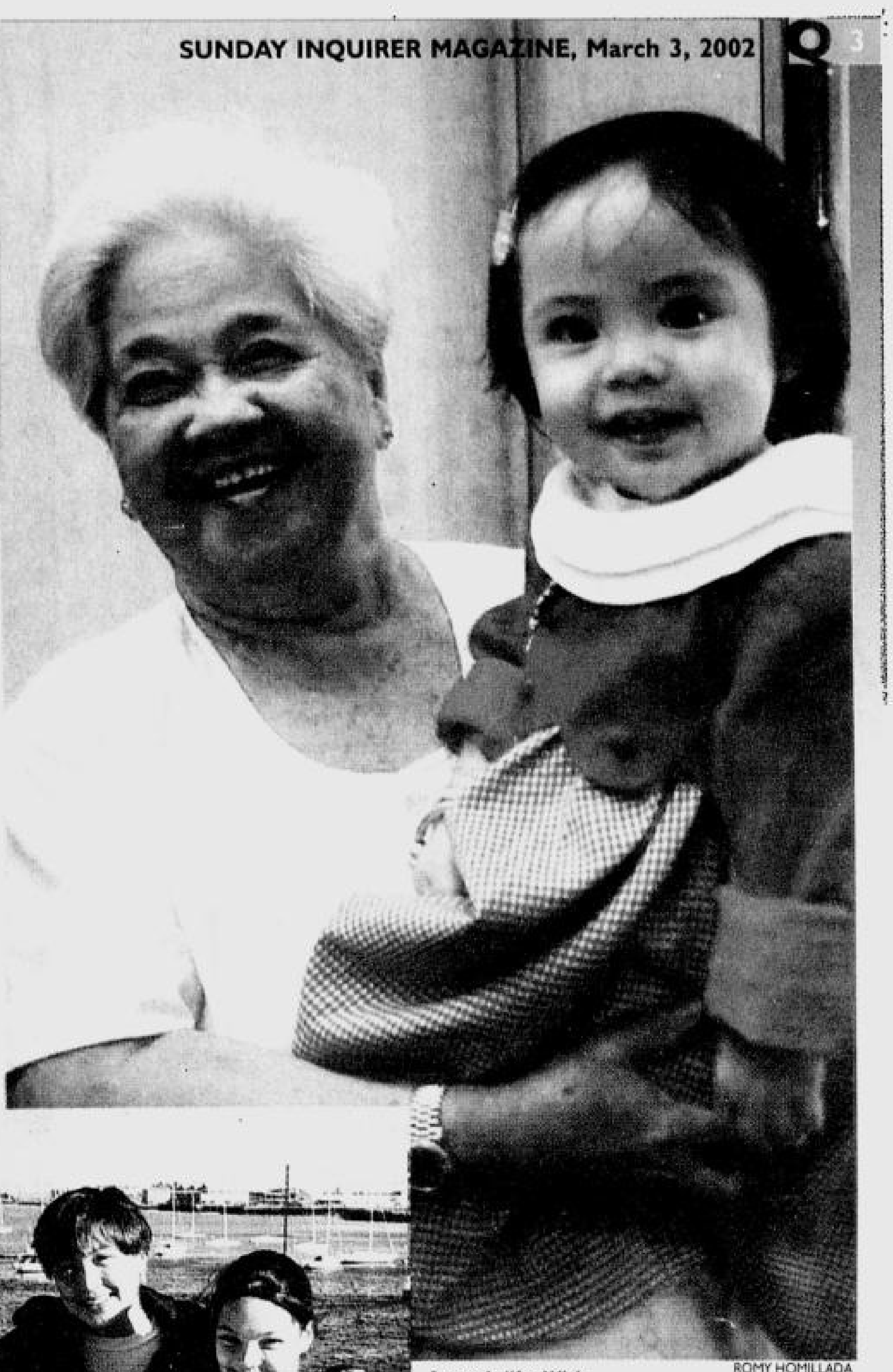
EVERYBODY loves *Yaya* Luring. Barely five feet tall, this snowy-haired 73 year-old lady is greeted with much love and affection as she unobtrusively walks around the studio as her ward of 31 years takes center stage interviewing guests on her weekly talk show. Loreta Benitez or *Yaya* Luring and Sharon Cuneta have shared more years together than the average married couple. Happy in the background, she normally stays in the dressing room while waiting for Sharon to finish her taping. She has tended to Sharon's needs for as far back as the Megastar can remember. "Five years old *pa lang siya ako na ang nag-aalaga sa kanya*," *Yaya* Luring begins as she looks back on their early days. The lady with a warm smile had been working for the Cunetas as a laundrywoman when the late Mayor Pablo Cuneta plucked her from washing clothes to care for his youngest daughter. "One day, the mayor told me, 'Luring, from now on, you'll take care of all of Sharon's needs, so take good care of her," she relates in Pilipino.

A little over three decades, two marriages and two children later, she continues to faithfully fulfill the duties bestowed on her by the late mayor. *Yaya* Luring has also taken care not only of KC but of Frankie, as well. "When her *yaya* has a day off, I take care of her," she says. In fact, it was only over the last several years that she has been able to take short vacations when Sharon and Kiko go off on their own. Previously, she had been constantly at Sharon's side even during the Gabby days. Travelling the world with her ward, she has good memories of their quiet days in Boston. "It's nice there. It's very peaceful," she says, and like a little girl, she adds with a giggle, "It's nice to walk on ice."

Yaya Luring has been a widow since 1937 and is mother to two children, Delia and Eddie, both in their 40s, and grandmother to four. She shares that her daughter is now also a widow like her. *Yaya* Luring traces her roots to Mangatarem, Pangasinan in a place called Barrio Bugtong. The showcase which Sharon recently won for her in "Game *Ka Na Ba*" will go to her humble home in Pangasinan. At the time of the interview she had not yet seen the entire showcase but had been told that there was a living room set, a television and an electric fan—"*at marami pang iba*," she chuckles. In private, Sharon had been calling *Yaya* Luring "*lola*" for many years. *Yaya* Luring says Sharon had only begun calling her *yaya* fairly recently—probably when she was already dating Kiko. Privy to all of the Megastar's deepest secrets, she is the first to cry when Sharon feels bad. "I really know it when she feels bad about something. She'll cry, I'll cry and then we'll hug. We're like a pair of idiots," she says. "I told her that if she has a problem, she shouldn't worry because she'll just lose more weight. Then she'll retort, 'That's good,'" *Yaya* Luring laughs.

Yaya Luring says that Sharon is very kind and thoughtful but that they have their brief misunderstandings too. "*Naku, madalas din ako makatanggap ng* 'award' *diyan*," she narrates. "Award" is how she jokingly calls Sharon's sermons when things are not quite right. But Sharon quickly apologizes and hugs her. For birthdays and Christmas, the Megastar often gifts her *yaya* with clothes or cash. One particular birthday that remains extra special to her is when, unknown to her, Sharon and a few close friends planned a surprise party for her 72nd birthday last year. She had fallen asleep in her room, tired after cooking *merienda* for her other housemates, when Sharon woke her up and brought her to the dining room.

To her great surprise the whole room had been decked with balloons and buntings, there was *merienda* on the table and Sharon's closest friends were present to fete her on that day. *"Nagulat talaga ako, at talagang hindi ko na iyon makakalimutan"* (I was surprised, and I'll never forget it), she says wistfully. She proudly says that her big gift for that day was a 21-inch color television set from Fanny Serrano. Sharon's friends and family clearly love their *Yaya* Luring and one can easily see why, especially after she appeared with Sharon in a TV commercial for Fuji Film. It's so easy to fall in love with her—with the kind disposition, wit, gentle smile and the warm bear hug, truly, the Megastar has been blessed to have her around all these years. Her loyalty, trust and love are unquestionable, but she says it best when asked to describe her relationship with Sharon — "*Sa hirap at ginhawa*" (In bad times and good), she says, eyes twinkling.



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A *yaya's* life: With Frankie (above), on the waterfront in Boston with Sharon and KC (left) and enjoying the snow (below, left)

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Survivors' Tales

By Ma. Ceres P. Doyo

Out from Under the Dark Cloud

For years, renowned pianist Leonor Kilayko and many others have battled this debilitating dark mood, until they discovered that it was a disease with a name. Today, a support group has been formed to enable them to talk about life behind the curtain of clinical depression—and to see the light beyond it.

"SHE'S an artist, that's why she's moody." "He's moody because he's an artist." Noted concert pianist Leonor Kilayko gets upset whenever she hears those words that refer to people, especially artists, who display dark moods that befuddle those around them. Careless remarks, she says, only aggravate the condition many people like her are suffering from – secretly, quietly and for the longest time they could remember.

There is a dark cloud that hovers episodically over them, something they could not wish away with all their might, and in spite of all the cheer that friends, family and bright situations might heap on them.

Why is it? What is it? Where is it coming from? Pills, prayers, people who care, even will power—are they of little help?

Depression—this is the general term commonly used to refer to the condition that sufferers describe as "a dark cloud," "a ton of bricks on the chest," a feeling of extreme sadness, unhappiness, meaninglessness and despair. *(See side bar.)* This is not necessarily immediately triggered by a sad or traumatic experience but it comes and hovers, overpowers, disables, debilitates.

Sleep, withdrawal, even death, seem to be the only way out, until the darkness mercifully lifts like a heavy curtain—one that could fall again soon.

Leonor parts the curtain and emerges to reveal the clinical condition that became a constant companion in her life but which, thanks to modern medicine and caring doctors, could be kept at bay if not managed altogether.

There are explanations, there is relief. And most of all, there is help available. There is even a support group that has been formed. But that is getting ahead of the story.

In the case of Leonor, depression started creeping into her life around 1978 after her mother died. Leonor had lived abroad for a number of years before that, having studied at Mannes School of Music in New York after finishing a degree in Music at St. Scholastica's College. Then tragedy struck. She was stricken with a life-threatening illness, lupus, that zapped the life out of her.

Leonor stayed home to recuperate, with her mother ever at her side to nurse her back to health. After bouncing back, Leonor again left to study at the State Academy of Music in Cologne, Germany where she would stay for 18 years. She came home every year to visit her family in Talisay, Negros Occidental. And then her mother fell gravely ill and died in 1978. Leonor deeply felt the loss.

Leonor stayed on in Cologne, playing in concerts in Germany and European countries. She found a niche there for her talent. She had great friends and, most of all, great music and art surrounding her. But in 1987, Leonor decided it was time to come home for good. She came home with her precious possessions—a grand piano, happy memories and music—in tow. She also brought home something heavy that she had long lived with—clinical depression.

Unknown to many, Leonor—she with the cascading Mozartian laughter—was suffering from a condition that only later acquired a name (bipolar disorder) and an explanation. And only much later, after searching for relief through medicine, did she find what truly helped—a good therapist who listened and understood—and the drug seroxat (paroxetine).

The so-called blues have not left Leonor completely, but at least they do not come as often and stay for long. Leonor continues to give music.

Kilayko's smile then hid the fact that she was suffering from bipolar depression (above); the pianist's smile today is more heartfelt (top right)

She describes what it is like for her: "You can't get up early and you have no wish to get up to do anything. You do not want to be seen because it shows. You have no feelings inside. You are irritable. Melancholia is how I would describe it." And it shows, Leonor adds, showing photos of herself when she is up and when she feels low. The eyes have it.

An episode could go on for a week. Leonor could predict with near precision when it would come. She would wait for it with dread. But, she says, there were contrasting "hyper" days, when she felt she could do anything. "This cannot go on," Leonor told herself one day. "I can't help myself."

She saw a doctor who prescribed vitamins and anti-depressants. This went on for about two years. She even tried acupuncture and homeopathy, but these were of little help: "I was desperate," Leonor says. "I asked, will it be like this until I die?"

One day, she heard of a doctor in Bacolod City. Leonor went to see her. "Right away," Leonor recalls, "I knew she was the one." Her doctor's name is Cheryll Velasco Francia.

Connie Roceles, married with children, a businesswoman in her 50s, is now basking in the light, thanks to medication and psychotherapy. She is lucky to have a supportive husband and children. But it took a long time for Connie to come out and give the feeling a name, to recognize the need for help. And it took 10 years for her to overcome it.

She describes her depressive episodes: "I felt like I was in a deep, dark place and I couldn't get out. There would be times when I just want to stay in bed. I had no energy. I could not find any meaning in anything."

Her immediate family could not understand what was going on. When depression hit her she would become fearful. "I was afraid of being alone. As a result, my blood pressure would rise. One of my kids or my husband had to stay home with me."

And then Connie met what she calls her "three angels" who led her out of darkness. The first, a priest, helped in "healing the inner child." The second, her psychiatrist at UST Hospital, helped her manage her condition, and the third gave her a glimpse of "her mission in life."

Unlike Leonor, Connie went through a traumatic episode in her childhood that would gnaw at her person for years. That must have been the root cause, Connie concludes. It was more than a child could take at that time and the experience has remained etched in her mind. Although the present situation and relationships have been reversed so to speak, there is no erasing the memory.

Gabe Lee, 29, a freelance web designer, suffers from depressive episodes that would last for weeks. "I have feelings of insecurity," he confides over the telephone. "I become withdrawn and I would experience extreme sadness." For nine months in 1998 Gabe was in the pits "for no apparent reason." He did not know what was the matter. Until he read about it.

Gabe tried to help himself. He learned meditation. He visited his pastor regularly. But he could not pull himself out of the dark. Gabe also had his highs. On bright days he thought he was genuinely okay and he would be so productive. "But my laughter was hollow," he recalls. "I had this steady sense of unhappiness. You never forget that you're sad."

Gabe thinks his condition was a result of a "trauma in childhood." He also points to his family's frequent transfer of residence when he was a child because of his father's businesses. This, he thinks, could have partly caused his "failures in relationships."

Being adept at computers, Gabe surfed the Net and found that there was a whole population out there who suffered from depression, and that there was so much to learn and do to overcome it. He read about the condition, its causes, therapy and more importantly, support groups.

Gabe wrote to the INQUIRER's "*Tita Dulce*" column late last year to let people know about depression and the need for those who suffer from it to get in touch with each other. Gabe received about 41 calls. One of the callers was Connie. She was then on the road to recovery, meaning she was no longer perpetually walking in the darkness. She wanted to bond and offer hope. And so one thing led to another.

While most callers found it easy to confide through the phone, some thought a face-to-face meeting would be difficult. The latter would rather remain, for now, voices on the phone. But about 20 have already met and gathered, Connie proudly reveals. They have named their group I-Empathize Group (IE-G). To empathize means to participate in another person's feelings or experience. The group wants to help remove the stigma of depression and bipolar disorder and make people aware that both are treatable illnesses, not character flaws or signs of weakness. It also encourages its members to help themselves and seek help by knowing the symptoms of depression. By reaching out, the group hopes to save lives.

One of the eager callers was 50-year-old Mimi, who lived for many years in New York. There she worked as a legal secretary and lived with a Latino partner with whom she had "an obsessive relationship." Things came to an end in 1990 when Mimi lost her job, her partner and the baby she was carrying. A nervous breakdown was inevitable.

Mimi moved to California where her next of kin lived. Recalls Mimi: "I was in

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Just the Blues, or Major Depression?

People usually feel blue or sad especially when they lose their jobs or a loved one. That is expected. But the major difference between feeling sad and a major depression is that sadness eventually passes, says psychiatrist Douglas Jacobs. A major depression is more persistent. It descends as a sort of psychic cloud, numbing the soul with the conviction that the bleak outlook will never change. It interferes with sleep, appetite, sexual interest, self-image and attitude. If you suffer from major depression, you can't just snap out of it. And these dreadful feelings can last for weeks, months, even years.

The causes of depression are not fully known. But it is likely a combination of genetic, biological and environmental factors. The basic biological causes are strongly linked to abnormalities in the delivery of certain key neurotransmitters or chemical messengers in the brain, such as serotonin, acetylcholine and catecholamines. Hormonal abnormalities, such as in women, can also cause depression. There's the case of that young mother who killed all her children.

People with bipolar disorder (manic depressives) experience depressive episodes that need not have a specific trigger but which develop more gradually than that of major depression. A manic or "hyper" episode comes suddenly and is often followed by severe depression.

Aside from major depression and bipolar depression, the other types are dysthymic, double, atypical, subclinical and psychotic depression. Their symptoms are:: A sad mood, fatigue or loss of energy, insomnia, excessive sleeping or shallow inefficient sleep patterns, weight gain or loss, diminished ability to concentrate or make decisions, physical agitation or markedly sedentary behavior, feelings of guilt, pessimism, helplessness and low self-esteem, loss of interest or pleasure in life, thoughts of or attempts at suicide. *(Culled from websites on depression)*

The Youth View

By Cora Llamas

Looking Out for the Idealistic Youth

Ninoy's telegenic nephew Bam Aquino believes the country's young people can rise to the challenge of nation-building

This charismatic, glib twentysomething heir to one of the country's most prominent political families looks like he can easily run for office. That he hit the campaign trail on behalf of a martyred uncle even as a small boy certainly prepared him for the eventuality. As a perennial student leader who won the student council presidency in his senior year, he was at the forefront of youth activities for Kompil and EDSA 2.

At least for now, though, Paolo Benigno Aguirre Aquino IV—"Bam" to his family, friends, and young audiences who catch him every morning on "Breakfast"—is urging the promising new blood of his generation to run, and this National Youth Commissioner is concentrating a large part of his time and energy to make sure the message gets heard.

The Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) elections will be fielding 44,000 positions in May or November. The House committees on suffrage and local elections and on local government had agreed to move it along with the barangay polls to the last quarter of the year. One reason was to allow for the registration of 8.5 million SK members. As of press time, the outcome depends on whether the House can deliberate on and approve (or disapprove) the bill on time.

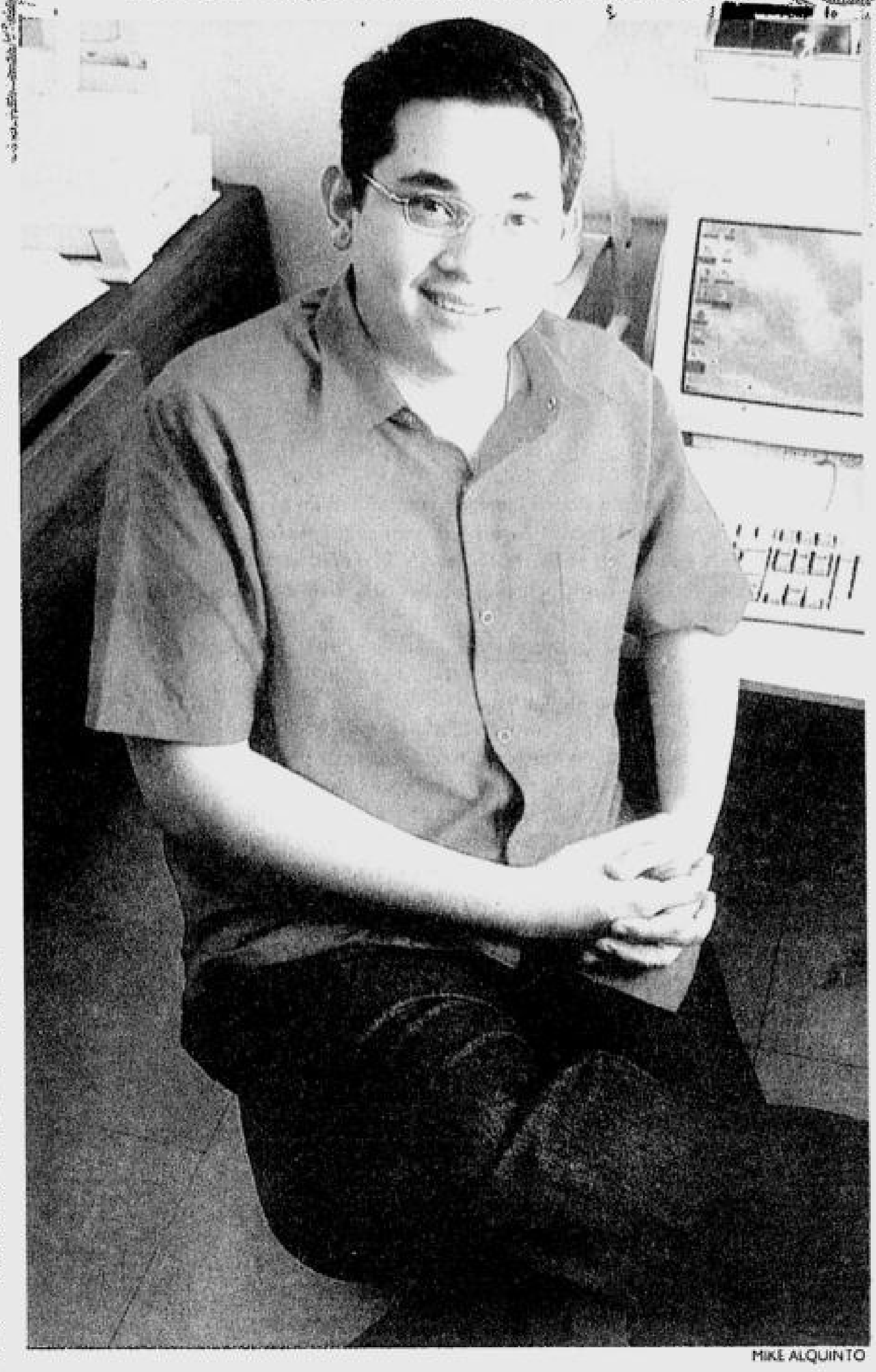
"The last SK elections were in 1996," Aquino explains. "Many of the SK officials are already over-aged and have children and businesses. They're no longer qualified. You have to be from 15-21 years old to hold an SK office. SK is a specialized participation: youth leaders cater to a specific market. If they're out of the market already, they lose their mandate because they're not in touch with their constituents any more."

Aquino doesn't hide his hopes that this time around, more youths would get involved. To date, only 2 million out of the 10 million voting youth body have registered. "Youth who are productive and involved in student councils and NGO organizations don't run for the SK. Why? Maybe it's a world apart. Maybe the SK to them is what politics is to a lay person: faraway and somewhat dirty.

"But we're asking these same people to trust in the system and run. The youth who are very vocal about what they want for this country should take the opportunity to be part of the system. They can contribute a lot."

He admits that this particular campaign presents him with a catch-22. "You can't get people if you're not effective, and you won't be effective if you can't get people. If the youth don't see what the SK can do for them, they just won't join." These days, the NYC is trying to "highlight the good things that SK has done and highlight the potential that it can do."

Aquino does not sidestep questions about reports of alleged corruption and paternalism in certain barangays. Of how well-intentioned, if inexperienced and naïve 15-to-18-year-old councilors can't access funds that their projects are entitled to, because "unfriendly," territorial elder chairmen disapprove them for no given reason. Or that when the projects do get off the ground, the SK councilors find a long line of contractors paid a certain amount that the chairmen had arranged way in advance.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Still, there are the bright spots. With a little tenacity and a lot of push, some SK councilors in Quezon City did manage to obtain their small portion from the national 2-billion-peso budget allocated to all barangays in the country. Long-overdue seminars on reproductive health were finally conducted. Computer literacy programs introduced the wonders of the electronic age to marginalized youths.

Aquino corrects one wrong impression. "People say that there's not enough money going on for youth programs and youth policies. But it's not true; the funds are just not accessed properly. What must be done? The system and laws have to be fixed, and the SK is trying to pass reform laws which will better the system."

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only to the Philippines, how can you compete? Here we give students the option of studying abroad in the UK, US, Canada and Australia. So they get either an American, British or Canadian degree."

And no, it's not elitist at all, says Vivienne. "Our costs are very competitive to that of local business schools. It's actually subsidized. Plus we halve the costs of studying abroad since instead of four, students only need to go abroad on their last two years in college and still get a foreign degree."

Although Joel admits that they have to double their present enrolment of 500 to be able to make a profit, he reveals that they still rigidly screen applicants to their college.

"We're offering a college, not a master's, degree here, so we're looking at the Philippine high school graduate, who is the youngest in Asia. So we really screen them academically, their personality and character. We have to work on the way Filipinos learn. Under the British set up, it's all about logic and analysis. Over here we depend on memorization. In an international setting, you're asked to elaborate on, say, how hierarchy of needs affects your marketing plan. So it's application and logic, not just definition. It's not easy. And no. 2, we want to see people who want to go abroad, learn as much as they can and bring it back to the Philippines. That's the kind of people we want."

So far they've managed to send seven students to universities abroad. "Most Filipino parents can't let go; they say they'll miss their children or they're too young to be alone abroad. Even if we send them out on their third year, that would make them what? 18, 19? Well, parents are afraid of the unlimited influences their children might be exposed to abroad and then they say, what happens when he or she has a problem? We're up against the culture," Vivienne sighs.

"Most parents can't yet appreciate the benefits of studying abroad for their children," says Joel. "So we usually use Vivienne as example of how positive the experience can be." Indeed, agrees Vivienne, she can't pinpoint exactly how she has managed to break free of her very traditional upbringing, "but I guess when I went to the States, I was exposed to a lot of people from different backgrounds and culture. Back home, I was just expected to adopt some values and beliefs and I didn't know why."

Although the school has yet to turn a profit, Vivienne says running it has its own rewards. "I remember once being approached by a former student who thanked me personally because he said he felt a very deep sense of belonging in our school and that he's very happy. Wow! It was such a good feeling, having made a difference in somebody's life.

"Of course, there are skeptics. When I got into education, a lot of people were shocked. They were amazed, especially since we started from scratch," Vivienne says.

But yes, she admits, her father did offer to help them out. The prospect of his daughter losing money was too much, it seems, even for Lucio Tan. "*Kaya nangayayat ang* Papa *ko, eh, kaya walang* appetite (That's why my father lost weight and his appetite)," she reveals with a grin. Turning serious, she says, "He did offer something very tempting but you know, I felt like this is part of the job. I'll have to go through the bad times because it's no fun if everything is given to you."

Okay, so she could have taken social work instead of fashion and design after college but, Vivenne admits with a grin, "after all those computer and science courses in college—another expectation because I'm Chinese—I wanted to get in touch with my softer side as a woman, the artistic, creative side." With that out of the way, she's ready to move on to real life.

It was rather jolting, she says of her first brush with real life and e-commerce crime, when two former personnel hacked into their computer system and stole their files. The case—the first under the country's e-commerce law—is now in court, although the two defendants are out of jail and working.

Says Joel: "The court case is proceeding very slowly because you know, this is a technical field and the NBI doesn't have the equipment, while the justices don't understand computers all that much."

In the meantime, they've encouraged their students at Thames to form their own IT Ethics group, "to be able to police themselves and create their own rules," says Vivienne. "Most hackers are young people so it's important that they set the parameters and take responsibility for what they do."

It's been a difficult learning experience, she adds, "But we're really pursuing the case despite the frustrations inherent in the system. I believe that when we let people go like that, the more it will encourage the hackers. After this Love Bug virus, we were called a Hackers Paradise. We want to show the international community that the e-commerce law is being implemented in the Philippines, so they'd want to invest in technology here. We must put things in place."

Such stubborn resolve and determination she applies as well in her personal issues, such as marriage. All her sisters are married, including one younger than her "who has two kids by now," she deadpans. Yes, her parents have been pressuring her to follow suit. But she has held her ground and now, "we just don't talk about it anymore. They just say, 'Ahhh, just tell us when you're going to get married.' I guess they've accepted me for being the headache that I am, and that's a big sacrifice for them."

Staying unmarried isn't a conscious plan, Vivienne adds, "just that I still want to know more and explore life some more." In the meantime, she's indulging in her passion for diving, coffee table books, paintings and Jollibee Chicken Joy.

Romance can wait. "Well, ultimately I would like to find a man who can help me balance my life and who I'd want to spend the rest of my life with. What I want *naman* is long lasting *talaga*, because in a way, I also believe that you have to be in love with a person enough to want to get married. It's something you'd want to do for the right reasons and not because you're expected to, or biologically, you have to. If only we can reverse the situation, you know? Like *kung pwedeng manganak muna yung babae* (can a woman have a baby before marriage)?" she suggests with a wicked grin.

But Vivienne believes in fate, as well. "It's better if love comes to you without you looking for it. All of a sudden, wow! *Biglang nandyan!*"

It's a prospect that even her father, he of the carefully laid-out plans and alliances, would definitely welcome.

In the swing of things: A very young Vivienne

Her 'parents' headache': with Lucio and Carmen Tan

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For a Cause

By Rodolfo A. G. Silvestre Jr.

The Smile Givers

Dr. Jegit Inciong talks to a young patient prior to surgery during a Davao mission

FOR would-be physicians, serving humanity is an easy answer when asked their reason for entering medical school. "But you didn't really know how you would serve humanity when the time comes," recalls Dr. Lawrence "Owen" Loh .

"It wasn't as though you were sure about what you wanted to specialize in, or if you would specialize at all," adds Dr. Jesus Gil "Jegit" Inciong.

In time, of course, they would make a choice. Both would become aesthetic and reconstructive plastic surgeons. Both belong to the Plastic Surgery Associates, the Philippines' first and biggest group practice of board-certified plastic surgeons. Because of their specialties, both would find a common mission.

You would expect Owen and Jegit to fill their working hours with facial aesthetic operations, noselifts and cheekbone augmentation. Or body contouring such as liposculpture, bustlifts or tummy tucks.

But then, there is that other side of their practice, which has to do with congenital and reconstructive cases. Here, they work on traumatic injuries of the jaws and facial skeleton, burn care and reconstruction, congenital genital, head and neck deformities, microsurgery, hand surgery, and cleft lip and palate repair. And it is in this last category that both have received the call for serving humanity.

Owen and Jegit today belong to a group of volunteers who regularly donate their expertise to Operation Smile. With their fellow PSA members, they take time off from their regular group practice and set out on medical missions both in the Philippines and various parts of the world. Joined by volunteer nurses, dentists and speech therapists, they operate on indigent children and young adults with facial deformities.

Although it is a non-profit service-oriented organization, Operation Smile has achieved fame for the wonders it has done for the young, not many know that it originated from the Philippines. Its founders, Dr. William Magee and his nurse wife Kathleen, joined a group of American doctors who traveled to the Philippines to operate on children with cleft lips and cleft palates. The team operated on 150 children, but had to turn away 250 others. As soon as they returned to their hometown in Norfolk, Virginia, they solicited donations and organized a volunteer team. They returned to the Philippines, operated on 200 patients, but again, had to turn away hundreds more. Obviously, there was a need to come back, and so Operation Smile was born in 1982.

In 1994, Owen joined Operation Smile. The next year, he met Dr. Magee. "He invited me to go to the US for two weeks. Two weeks passed, and he asked if I was interested to stay for one year to train in craniofacial surgery, which was non-existent in the Philippines," Owen recalls. "I didn't like it at first. I told him that even if I became an expert, I didn't have the instruments, so what good would it do when I came back to the Philippines? Then, he said he would help me acquire the necessary equipment. How could I refuse?"

At that time, Jegit, who also finished his residency at PGH, had just completed his postgraduate plastic surgery studies at the University of Miami School of Medicine. He then followed Owen at the Eastern Virginia Medical School, where they both trained under Dr. Magee.

Completing their training, they returned to the Philippines, but not before they had been infected by the Magees' spirit of service. Soon, they were volunteering their expertise to as many as missions they made sure to find the time for.

Both joined missions in Colombia, Kenya, China, Morocco and the Gaza strip in Palestine. Owen, who is co-chairman of the Medical Advisory Committee of Operation Smile Philippines, has also served as team leader in some international missions, and as such has gone twice to some countries. Jegit has also joined the teams that went to Thailand, Peru, Nicaragua and Panama.

Jegit remembers one particular case: "A seven-year-old boy came with a 16-year-old sister. They both had cleft lips. The boy was in our list scheduled for operation, but the sister was not. We wanted to turn away the sister, but the boy said, '*Si Ate na lang, Kahit hindi na ako. Kasi, maggraduate si Ate sa* high school. *Gusto ko maganda siya sa* graduation day.' How could we refuse?"

They make a living doing tummy tucks and facelifts, but as committed members of the world-renowned Operation Smile, these doctors are also committed to changing the lives of people born with facial deformities

Dr. Owen Loh with a young patient

Owen recalls the time when "a 20-year-old bachelor came for a cleft operation. Since he was old enough, we just administered local anesthesia. He of course couldn't talk well, but he kept shouting, and pointing at his groin. Through the volunteers who helped translate, we learned that he was getting married. And so we told him that he should not worry anymore because we were going to operate on his cleft lips, so he would look good in time for the wedding. But he kept pointing at his groin. And then, we found out that he also wanted us to operate on his hernia. Of course, we granted his request."

Some of their memorable experiences have nothing to do with the medical cases. For one, they are received well, sometimes by no less than heads of state. The kings of Morocco and Jordan hosted dinners for them. Yasser Arafat received them at the Gaza Strip.

It was also in Jerusalem, while Owen was standing "right at the spot where Jesus was crucified, when a Franciscan monk approached me and asked if I was a Filipino. I said yes, and he turned out to be a Filipino too. His name is Father Manalo, and he asked me to join him. And then, he said Mass for me, just him and me in the church. After the Mass, we negotiated our way through the narrow passageways until he knocked at a door. The door was opened, and I could smell *tuyo* being fried. It turned out that two Filipina overseas workers lived there, and we had *tuyo* and *sinigang* for an early dinner."

Jegit says that Operation Smile is "an eternal source of happiness." He narrates that he volunteered for several missions in South America and while there, he met a lady named Ashley, who was raising money for Operation Smile. He married her last year.

On the other hand, Owen's wife Wygs serves as the nursing representative to the Medical Advisory Committee of Operation Smile Philippines. She has accompanied her husband on various missions. Even their eldest son, a student at the Philippine Science High School, has joined them in some missions, playing with the children to help ease their pre- and post-operation trauma.

Operation Smile, in its own way, is a family affair. After all, the Magees, are more than a husband-and-wife team, for even their grown-up children are involved in the missions. "And we, volunteers, of course, consider ourselves one big family, united as we are in our dedication to make people smile," says Owen. "And it's so fulfilling when you see the change in the face of a child. But wait till you see the parents, then you'll know you have transformed a life," Doc Jegit stresses.

As of press time, all the PSA surgeons were in Cavite for an international mission with Bill and Kathee Maggee, who were also scheduled to go to the other mission sites in the Philippines, Naga, Cebu and Davao. In town too are volunteers from Venezuela, Australia, Morocco, United States, Thailand and Italy, along with other Filipino volunteers, including a *balikbayan* anesthesiologist, Wygs and the other nurses, a dentist, speech therapists and Maryknoll alumnae helping with medical records. Scheduled for operation were about 140 patients, the youngest being four months old, and the oldest, 40 years old. The patients came from as far as Bataan, Butuan, Samar, and Bicol, and others from nearby Batangas, Laguna and Metro Manila. A lot were from Cavite.

The stories still come. A man came with his two young kids, both with cleft lips. It had been a long trip from Calapan, Mindoro. His only "normal" child, a boy, died three months previously. His wife had gone into severe depression, carrying the picture of their son wherever she went. A few days earlier, the wife died too. The man, though, felt that it was only through Operation Smile that his surviving children could lead a normal life. So, he brought his children to Cavite to have them scheduled for operation. Then, they went back to Mindoro for his wife's burial. But he promised to return to Cavite with the children for their operation, even if they were still grieving for a mother who would never see them smile.

But just maybe their mother and their older brother would see them flash their smiles—from heaven. Surely, too, they would thank the Lord for Bill and Kathy Magee, and the Owens and the Jegits of this world, knowing that those smiles represent hope for better, happier lives for the loved ones they left behind.

Youth

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Aquino's TV job augments his NYC task of formulating programs and policies meant to improve the lot of young Pinoys. His focus on politics and public service enables him to bring the most vital issues to their attention. One way he does it is by interviewing influential leaders from both sides of the political arena like Nene Pimentel, Frank Drilon, Dinky Soliman, and Ed Angara.

Unlike anchors of TV news and public affairs programs, he and his co-hosts "can give our comments and opinions." It was one thing that Bam had to clarify before accepting the job. After all, this Ateneo BS Management grad can expound on a hundred different subjects in just a few minutes without missing a beat

The Gen-Xers' apparent return to political indifference and the me-first mentality, after the high of the glory days of EDSA Dos subsided, is a perception that he contends with.

"Look, the people of a certain generation are dictated to by the situation of that generation. During the Marcos dictatorship, the passion (for one's country) was more evident," he says earnestly. "Now I don't think it's the youth caring more for themselves than their country. It's more of the youth being lost. They want to help but they don't know how. That's why a lot of people came for EDSA 2. They felt that they could help if they were there.'

"But on a regular day, if you ask a young person, 'How can you help your country?', it would be very difficult for him to answer because there's no clear path. The idea of good citizenship is too vague. Whereas before, the lines were clearly drawn."

He points to active school organizations and NGOs that help stricken communities, aid cancer-stricken patients, and hold events for charities, as proof of involvement. During the last presidential election, Aquino and his college buddies converted Ateneo into the Namfrel headquarters despite the naysayers who said that nobody would turn up to help. "We had 1,000 students from various schools every day for five days. That's because we made our message clear: we needed people to count, guard the votes, clean the bathrooms and bring the food.

"The youth still want to help. It's just not clear what they should do because we live in a world that's not clear anymore."

The slow wheels of the bureaucracy, the moribund market economy, and other mundane facts of life can also dampen an idealistic young person's campaign to change the world. "It's a low point now," he admits. "The economy is not picking up. After EDSA 2, a lot of people are still dissatisfied. Many want to leave the country. The challenge is in keeping the idealism alive and not become jaded.

"As a young, idealistic person, you want things to happen at once. But that's not how it works. We have to be patient sometimes. Implementation of policies can take a year, even more. The young person has a hard time accepting this. But you just have to accept that and continue working."

This young public servant survives it by "taking it day by day, just be satisfied with that, and somehow it will build up to something bigger."

He's already looking beyond the SK elections: putting up centers for good governance around the country that will give the youth opportunities to effect positive change.

Still, Ninoy's nephew takes his own advice to heart and remains realistic about his plans. "This NYC job will take until June of this year, whether I'm appointed or not is up in the air. The TV show could end at any time. There's always law school to go back to."

Whatever profession he ultimately takes up, public service will always remain in the picture. It may be a tough field to plow into, but a fresh and more optimistic service gets him through the rough spots. "I'm an inspiration junkie," Aquino flashes that familiar grin. "I like finding bright spots and hard-working people that inspire me and others."

This Week

Art

Umbrella Games, a selection of surrealist oil paintings by Lina Llaguno Ciani at the Galleria Duemila, SM Megamall A until March 5.

Luis Leon Lasa, an exhibit of over 50 acrylics and temperas on paper from the collection of Ateneo Art Gallery, ongoing at the Instituto Cervantes, Malate, Manila. The exhibit will move to the Ateneo Art Gallery's Print and Drawing Room on March 12. For details, call 526-1482 to 85.

Babae sa Tag-ulan at Tag-araw, mixed media paintings by Gigi javier Alfonso, until March 15 at the UP Vargas Museum, Diliman, QC. For details, call 928-1927.

The Probe Team exhibit features images documented by Probe reporters and producers and other interesting memorabilia collected by the team over the last 14 years. The exhibit will be in Metropolis Mall in Alabang from March 20 to April 8 and Café Papemelroti along Roces Avenue, QC from May 1-31.

Music

Pinay Music Festival, a show featuring different Filipina-fronted bands in celebration of Women's Month on March 8, 8 p.m. at the Music Museum. Featured artists are Imago, Brownbeat All Stars, Sessionroad, Joint Project, SunDown Muse, Lemon Tears, Hemp Republic, Strawberry Fields, Pinikpikan and Barbie's Cradle. For tickets, call 721-6726.

Sessionroad's gig sked for the month: March 5, '70s Bistro, Anonas; March 8, Music Museum; March 4, 11 and 18, Essex Bar, Adriatico; March 6, 13 and 20, Green Planet, Jupiter Street; March 7, 14, 21, Azzurro Too, SM Megamall; March 12, 19, 26, Giovanni's, Makati Avenue.

Rep Philippines' "Cliffhanger"

Onstage

Repertory Philippines' production of James Yaffe's thriller **Cliffhanger** goes onstage at the William J. Shaw Theater, Shangri-La Plaza until today and at the Carlos P. Romulo Theater, RCBC Plaza from March 7 to 17. For details, call 633-4821 to 25.

Dulaang Sibol is raising funds for the Onofre R. Pagsanghan Endowed Fund for Basic Education through the staging of Shakespeare's **Hamlet** on March 8 and 9, 6:30 p.m. at the Ateneo de Manila. For tickets, text 0917-8135195.

St. Scholastica's College-Manila's "A Midsummer Night's Dream"

The Grade 6 students of St. Scholastica's College, Manila present William Shakespeare's **A Midsummer Night's Dream** on March 5 and 6 at the Sr. Ehrentrudis Hall, SSC Manila, directed by Naty Crame Rogers. For details, call 524-7686 to 89.

Break A Leg, a comic variety show with the theme "Hafi Pyestah" featuring comic sketches, spoofs, explosive dances and unique song interpretations, directed by Joey Ting on March 6, 7, 8 at the Hardin ng mga Diwata, Faculty Center, UP Diliman. For details, call 0919-8341297.

Cinema

Italian Cinema Week showcases the best of non-commercial and culture representative films from different countries on March 4, 7, 11 and 14 at Equitable PCIBank's Antonio Molina Hall. Featured films are "Francesco," "Nirvana," "The Son's Room," "The Tree of Wooden Clogs," "The Tartar's Desert," "Lamerica" and "The Leopard." Admission is free. For details, call 818-1403.

Atbp

A seminar on **The Ascended Master and the Path to Ascension** by Summit Lighthouse Study Group of the Philippines is scheduled on March 5, 6:30 p.m. at No. 1 Gen. Atienza St., cor. Gen. Lim, San Antonio Village, Pasig City. For details, call 631-4052.

The Center for Health and Creative Arts offers **Christian Meditation,** a workshop on enhancing spiritual growth and body-mind healing to be conducted by Fr. Jose Ma. De Leon, SJ, on March 5, 7, 12 and 14 from 6-8 p.m. For details, call 434-5381.

All About Weddings, a three-day wedding extravaganza on March 7-9 at Hotel Inter-Continental Manila's grand ballroom bringing together the country's top purveyors of wedding services and products such as jewelry, cakes, souvenirs, stationery, fashion, photography, flowers, honeymoon destinations, real estate, limousine rental, entertainment, wedding planners and even Discovery Weekend counselors. For details, call 815-9711 loc. 279.

Intro to Poetry Writing, metrical and free verse, to be held on March 10 at the Earthlite, 4/F, COD, Quezon City. For details, call 285-2449.

Wings Entertainment extends deadline for its **playwriting contest** to March 20. Play scripts on any subject matter should be submitted in three copies to Wings Entertainment c/o ACT Entertainment Inc., Room 1543 Mega Plaza Bldg., ADB Avenue, Ortigas Center, Pasig City. For inquiries, call 687-1855 to 56.

Theater of Protest

Dulaang UP stages "*Hibik at Himagsik*"

EVEN as American forces have trooped back onto Philippine shores, the world premiere of a work by Bienvenido Lumbera on atrocities committed by American soldiers on Filipino women during World War II goes onstage at the UP. *"Hibik at Himagsik nina Victoria Lactaw"* tells of the women who wrote *"Hibik Namin,"* telling their war tales of woe in dramatic poetry. The *zarzuela*, which won second prize in the 1998 Centennial Literary Awards, is directed by Alexander Cortez as Dulaang UP's theater season ender. Show runs until March 3 at the Wilfrido Ma. Guerrero Theater, UP Diliman.

Cloud *...from page 4*

the hospital for several weeks. I was afraid of people, I was paranoid." After she was discharged Mimi stayed indoors. "For six months I did not go out of the house. I would be asleep during the day and awake all night."

Mimi came back to the Philippines in 1992. Her father, a well-known writer, had died. Shortly after, her mother suffered a stroke. For five years, Mimi, the youngest of four children, took care of her mother. "I was forced to get better," Mimi says. But she never did, especially after her mother passed away. And then she suffered what Mimi calls her "third episode." "I lost all the meaning in my life. I was listless. I had no focus, no energy."

A neighbor saw what Mimi had become and reached out to her. She invited Mimi to a Catholic prayer group. This helped a lot, Mimi stresses. "I came to realize who I am and not what people viewed me as. What I am, not my past. No ego trips."

Mimi was one of the 12 brave souls "under the cloud" who decided to meet last Dec. 16 under the Bell of Peace at the Edsa Shrine. The small group—four men and eight women aged 23 to 62—later moved to Jollibee at Robinson's Galleria and talked from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Connie remembers the day, how each one came, waiting to meet total strangers. She describes the first ones to come as "middle class, intellectual and with a scarred childhood."

That was not to be their first and only meeting. The group met again, with Eli-Lilly, the manufacturer of the drug Prozac, providing the venue and a psychiatrist that gave a talk on depression. The once-controversial Prozac has offered relief to millions of depressives especially Americans. It is not a substitute for talk therapy though. Or the couch.

"The group," Mimi says for Connie to hear, "has given me a reason to live." The two have become like sisters to each other. Connie hopes the members' families would get involved so that they could understand and be enabled. "Maybe they could call their group I-Sympathize," she laughs.

Meanwhile, Leonor has learned about the I-Empathize Group and is eager to meet the members. She was originally the only brave one to be featured in this article until Gabe serendipitously wrote a letter to *Tita* Dulce to sound a call for a support group for people suffering from depression.

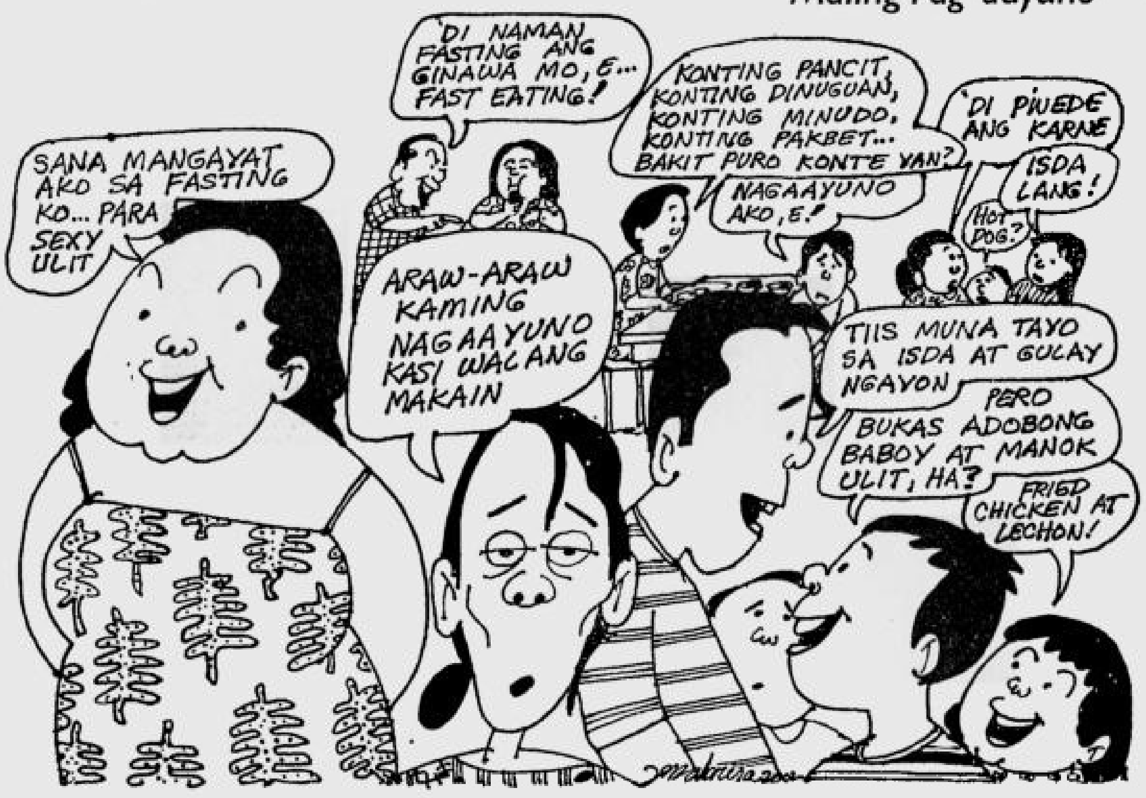
That letter pushed a few more sufferers to emerge from under the dark cloud and seek the sunshine. There were persons out there who needed help and one another. And they have found one another at last.

To contact I-Empathize Group, call Connie at 8232240 or 0917-8102445 or write to bipolar_manila@yahoo.com.

Pinoy Nga

By Jess Abrera

Maling Pag-aayuno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Mai Mai Cojuangco on the cover of Metro Weddings I Do Magazine, available at "All About Weddings"

X-manila

The Society Filipino Archivists is inviting archivists, manuscript curators, paper conservators, librarians, museum workers and allied professions to attend the **seminar-workshop on Disaster Preparedness, Response and Recovery** to be held at the Punta Villa, Iloilo City on March 6 to 8. For inquiries, call 920-9060 and 434-3642 or email yolanda.granda@up.edu.ph.

The Holy Angel University in Angeles City formally opens **The Juan D. Nepomuceno Center for Kapampangan Studies** on March 8. The Center has a library, museum, archives and theater. The paintings of Claude Tayag and the artifacts of the National Museum's Porac Archaeological Excavation Project will also be on exhibit. For inquiries, call Robby Tantingco at (045) 888-8691.

The **Tambul Dance and Theater Ensemble**, the official performing group of Tambulig, Zamboanga del Sur, will hold a campus tour on March 7 at the Misamis Institute of Technology, Ozamis City and on March 9 at Saint Columban College, Pagadian City. Featured productions are Marcelino Agana's "New Yorker In Tondo" and Amador Daguio's "Wedding Dance."

The Baguio Arts Guild presents **3 Generations in Bloom,** a flower painting exhibit featuring Lourdes Gaskell, Ella Picazo-Pinder, Azra Pinder and Samantha Pinder, at the Green House Effect Gallery, Baguio Botanical Garden. Exhibit runs until March 17.

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Controversies

By Tinna S. Bonifacio

In a surprisingly candid interview, Joey Marquez, the perceived "bad guy" in the break-up of his 12-year marriage to Alma Moreno, opens up about what went wrong, and how he's trying to make it right for his children

'I loved her too much'

ROMY HOMILLADA

THEY were married for 12 years, a long time by showbiz standards. They were even married twice, in Las Vegas and the Philippines. Through rumors of his other women, through her painful battle with Multiple Sclerosis (MS), they stayed together — which is why the whole country cried when Joey Marquez and Alma Moreno announced the end of their marriage. The announcement brought the curtain down on one of showbiz's longest running and most stable (or so we thought) unions.

Normally, in break-ups such as this, the man is cast as the villain. But in an unexpected turn of events, it is Alma who is cast in the role, she who left the conjugal home, and whose supposed relationship with a 26-year-old radio disc jockey broke the ties between her and Joey.

But like a coin, a marital breakup has two sides. Did Joey's womanizing drive his wife to it? Is Joey perpetuating the so-called double standard by blaming his wife, yet not accepting the responsibility for his own sins, especially considering he sinned first? Joey has done short interviews on TV. In this, his first full-length print interview, Joey talks honestly about their breakup, his faults, his plans, his kids and moving on.

A few hours after this interview, Alma's mother Virginia succumbed to a stroke. Joey came to condole with his bereaved wife, and helped with the hospital and funeral expenses. While standing beside his mother-in-law's casket, Joey said, in a mournful tone, "Mama, sorry. I did my best. I tried to make this marriage work."

SIM: How are you coping?

Joey Marquez: I'll say this: I'm not happy. When I lost my mom, I died. When I lost Ness, I died all over again. Right now, I'm just getting busy and preparing myself to be alone. My kids are still young, but eventually they will grow up and have their own lives, their own families.

SIM: Any regrets?

JM: No. I don't regret anything. If ever, my only regret is that I loved her too much.

SIM: What are you most concerned about right now?

JM: The insinuation that she's a battered wife. If I really beat her up while we were married, then blind items should have come out long ago. I'm 6'2" and I weigh 220 lbs; she's only 5'1". If I really hurt her, do you think she'd still be able to dance? I never laid a hand on her.

SIM: So you're categorically denying it?

JM: Yes, because it's not true. That issue about her not having money, *hindi rin totoo yon.* I live in Tahanan Village, which is an average subdivision. She's in Ayala Alabang, renting a house for P45,000 a month, paid in advance for a year. When she said that she has to take a taxi because she has no car, that's also not true. She has two cars, a Honda Civic and a Ford Lynx. I don't know where those cars are now.

SIM: What about her allegation that you're denying her access to the kids?

JM: I didn't watch the interview (on Boy Abunda's "Private Conversations"). Someone just told me about it. But I'm not denying her the kids. During that interview, in fact, the kids were with her because I was in the States. (Joey flew to the US to work out the details of their divorce.).

SIM: But why bring this all up now, [illegible] Alma is going through so much with Vandolph, then multiple [illegible] th death of her [illegible] timing, you look like the bad guy.

JM: It's not my fault. When Vandolph had his accident, I acted more like a dad. When we found out Ness was suffering from multiple sclerosis, I was more than a husband. That's why I couldn't understand this when it happened.

SIM: So why did it take you so long to come out and tell the truth?

JM: That's the problem with us men. We can't tell the truth, because people will say we're not being gentlemen. But we also can't be silent because it's tantamount to admitting it. In that sense, being a man is a disadvantage because you get judged right away. *Lalo na dito sa* Pilipinas, because we have this stereotype of men *na babaero.* But I'm not the one at issue here. The reason I agreed to this interview is because Douglas (Quijano, my manager) said it's time to tell the truth. That's what I'm doing.

SIM: Now that you have the floor, what do you want to say?

JM: When we got married, I tried to forget the past—hers and mine. The last four years, I devoted myself to being a family man. *Si Ness kasi*, she's surrounded by friends who have no responsibilities. I hope I'm wrong, but these friends want her to be what they are. I thought our marriage was happy, that I was making her happy.

SIM: But it takes two to tango, right? What do you think is your fault in the breakdown of your marriage?

JM: My fault is that I didn't listen to rumors. That I believed her because I loved her too much. One time, I asked her if the rumors were true. I said, "Do you really not know the guy?" She told me, "Even if God curses me, even if Our Lady of Manaoag curses me, *hindi ko siya kilala.*"

SIM: But you can't be totally blameless in this matter. You were also rumored to be involved with other women during your marriage. What right do you have to be angry, when you are also guilty of the same sin? Isn't that a double standard?

JM: With regards to the womanizing, I admit, I am guilty. Yes, I had other relationships... But I never said my hands were clean. The difference is that I realized my mistake. I went back, took care of my kids and her kids. If I was bad before, I've tried to be good.

SIM: But don't you think that it was your so-called "other relationships" that pushed your wife to this?

JM: I don't think so. I think it was her environment, her friends, who influenced her. Besides, you can't correct a mistake by committing another mistake.

SIM: How did you feel when you found out about what happened?

JM: It hurt me a lot. It took me a year to find out if it was true. Her greatest mistake was saying that she didn't know the guy. When the guy came out on TV, all these people who saw them got upset, because in effect she was calling them liars. So, these people started sending me proof that they had been together. Everyone started talking. But even if they hadn't, I still would have found out. In my turf (Parañaque), we can solve murder cases and arrest criminals even without evidence. Do you think I couldn't do it with my own wife?

SIM: When and how did you get your first inkling that something was going on?

JM: We love to travel. But oftentimes, she wouldn't go. Last year, the kids and I went to the US three times. *Pero hindi talaga siya sumama.* But ironically, she loves traveling with her friends.

SIM: What do you want now?

JM: The truth. I don't want sympathy; I want the truth. I'd like her to be honest about things. Don't get sympathy at my expense.

SIM: What about you, what are you doing? What is your motivation for coming out with your side of the story? There are rumors that you are doing this to gain sympathy and help your political career.

JM: Why would I do something like that? Why gain sympathy at my family's expense? The elections are two years away. Besides, I don't really plan my political career. This has nothing to do with it. Family and politics are two separate issues. If I do run—and I can't t run for Parañaque mayor again, because this is my last term—I will be judged accordingly and not because of what's happened to my family.

SIM: How are the kids handling it?

JM: There are people whispering in their school, but I just tell them not to mind the talk and to just concentrate on their studies. I'm not worried so much about Wyn-Wyn because she's more independent. Yeoj, the eldest, who's 11, is more sensitive. He keeps his emotions to himself, so I'm trying to spend more quality time with him. I try to spend time with all my kids. I want to be there for my kids because I wouldn't want them to feel how I felt with my dad (the late director Artemio "Temyong" Marquez, who left Joey's mom for another woman.). There was a time I really hated him. I don't want the kids to hate their mom or me.

SIM: Is it true that the kids chose to stay with you rather than go with their mother?

JM: When Ness left the house, there was no effort on her part to take the kids with her. Yeoj and Wyn-Wyn told me, "Daddy, *sa iyo kami.*" So now, all four are staying with me. But I always tell them to go to their mom. And Ness and I communicate regularly. We talk about the children. We even go out on Sundays. Last Sunday, we went swimming, then we ate out. It's hard for me, but the children request it.

SIM: What do you mean it's hard for you?

JM: When I see Ness, I want to talk to her, to ask her, "What's happening to us?" But I can't, because it would spoil the day for the kids. So, I just stop myself and try not to ask any questions.

SIM: Would you say you had a happy marriage?

JM: I thought it was happy. I'm not really the roses and chocolates type. I'm not into giving material things. But I gave Ness what she wanted most. I married her. Twice. I believed in her. I tried to understand her. When she asked for her freedom, I gave it to her because I thought that would make her happy.

SIM: What about you, Joey? Are you happy?

JM: No. I'm not happy. But I have to go on with my life because I have responsibilities. I have to live for my kids now. And there's my work.

SIM: You said you love Alma. If that's true, what's stopping you from getting back together? You said in a previous interview that you would be willing to take her back.

JM: I said that because at that time, I was so sure that she wanted to save the family. But I didn't see any effort on her part, so I gave up.

SIM: Do you think you'll ever get married again?

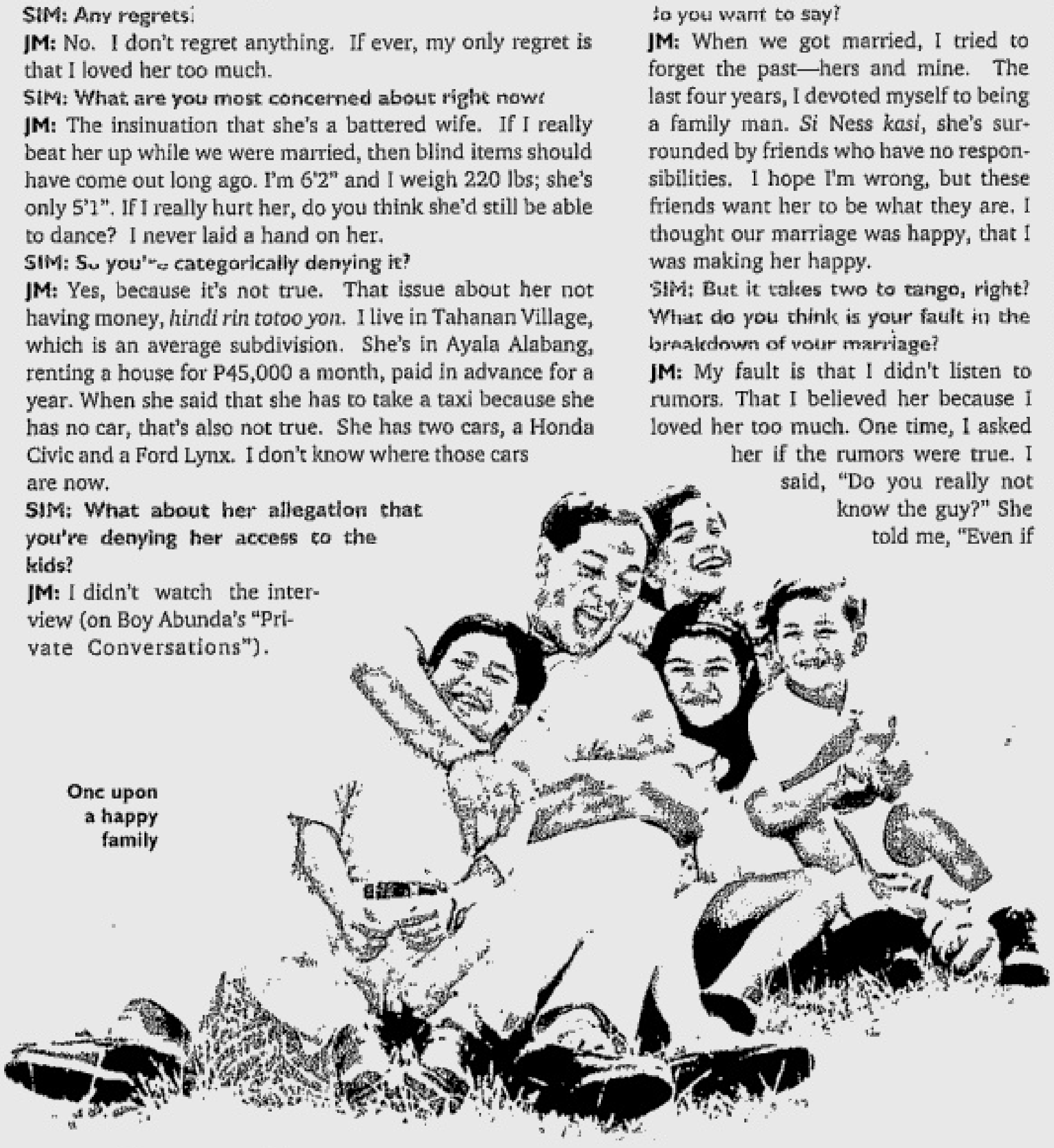
JM: No, no! (Shaking his head) It will be a long time before I love another woman. There's no space for a woman in my life right now. I'm scared. I don't want to love someone, and then lose her, and die all over again. But I do realize that I still have a life to live. I have to go on. I can't lock myself in a room. But I'm afraid, because people might see me with a woman, and all kinds of gossip will come out again.

SIM: If you had a chance, what would you like to say to this man?

JM: You just destroyed a family. *Sana panindigan mo.* (I hope you stand by it.)

SIM: What would you like to say to Alma?

JM: Tell the truth, because then you will be released. Tell it to me, to my kids, and to God. Then pray. Pray harder.



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